Jordanian-PLO committee meets

AMMAN, Jan. 9 (Petra) — The Joint Jordanian-Palestinian Committee for Supporting the Steadfastness of the Inhabitants of the Occupied Arab Territories opened a regular session in Amman today. The Jordanian side was headed by Munister of Occupied Territories Affairs Hassan Ibrahim, and the Palestinian side was led by Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Executive Committee member Hamid Abu Sitta. The committee endorsed the agenda of the current session and reviewed the committee's activities and achievements in the past year. The committee will continue meetings tomorrow.

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Chatti urges U.N. to boycott Israel

BAHRAIN, Jan. 9 (R) — The Secretary-General of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC), Habib Chatti, has called on the U.N. Security Council to impose sanctions on Israel for annexing the occupied Syrian Golan Heights, the Saudi press agency reported today. It quoted Mr. Chatti as saying in a message to the council's president that the situation in the Middle East would deteriorate if the council failed to adopt resolutions that would "deter Israel and put an end to its expansion at the expense of the occupied Arab ter-

Non-aligned states to hold meeting

KUWAIT, Jan. 9 (A.P.) The executive bureau of the Non-aligned nations will hold a two-day meeting in Kuwait on April 16, Kuwait Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah announced today. He said 36 foreign ministers from the 94-member movement will take part in the meeting which will be devoted to the Palestine question. The Kuwait gathering stems from a decision by Non-aligned foreign ministers at the U.N. last September to convene an extraordinary meeting of the executive bureau to discuss ways of assisting the Palestinian cause.

Egyptian army chief visits Washington

CAIRO, Jan. 9 (R) - Egymian chief of staff Abd Rabul Nabi Hafez left for the United States today for talks with American officials on Egyptian arms purchases. The Middle East News Agency (MENA) said the Egyptian delegation, during a one-week visit, would discuss requests for arms from the U.S. The delegation would also attend a ceremony at an American airbase on Jan. 15 for the delivery of an F-16 fighter, the first of 40 such jets ordered by Egypt and expected to be delivered over the next 24 months, MENA added. Last week Egypt agreed to buy 20 French Mirage 2000 combat jets in a \$1 billion deal with France. The order made Fraace the second largest supplier of arms to Egypt after the United States.

Saudi Arabia hails ties with Taiwan

RIYADH, Jan. 9 (A.P.) Saudi Arabian Minister of Finance Sheikh Mohammad Abal Khail today lauded the "exemplary vitality" of Saudi-Taiwan relations and predicted "a bright future" for cooperation between the two couutries. The Saudi minister was inaugurating the sixth meeting of the Saudi-Taiwan committee on economic and tecbnological cooperation, attended by high-powered delegations from both sides. The Taiwan delegation is headed by Minister of Economy William

Poland 'thanks Libya for offer'

LONDON, Jan. 9 (R) - Poland's military leader has tha-nked Libya's Col. Muammar Qadhafi for his offer of emergency food supplies, the Libyan news agency JANA said today. It said in a telexed despatch to Reuters that a message from Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski was delivered in Tripoli by Gen. Tadeusz Hupalowski, member of the Polish military council for national salvation and minister for local economy and the environment. The agency quoted Gen. Jaruzelski was saying Poland needed Libya's support and understanding of the present situation as part of the growing friendship and solidarity between their two peo-Ples. He also thanked Col. Onthati for his willingness Expressed in a recent speech to offic emergency economic aid, JANA said.

Stoessel named as Haig aide

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (R) — President Reagan has broken a tradition of more than 35 years by naming a career diplomat rather than a politician to the second hig-

hest post in the State Department.
The president announced yesterday he would nominate veteran diplomat Walter Stoessel, former ambassador to West Germany, the Soviet Union and Poland, to be deputy secretary of state.

Since 1945 the post, previously listed as undersecretary, had always been given by the president to a political appointee. Mr. Reagan also named Law-

rence Eagleburger, former ambassador to Yugoslavia, to succeed Mr. Stoessel as undersecretary of state for political affairs, the depfartment's third-ranking post.

The nominations, which require Senate approval, would bring diplomats with major European experience to the top of the State



His Majesty King Hussein receives at Al Hummar Palace Saturday the visiting Italian Foreign Minister Emilio Colombo (Petra photo)

Poland warns against sanctions

WARSAW, Jan. 9 (R) - Poland's military rulers warned the West today that economic sanctions against the Warsaw government would prolong martial law and bring more suffering to the Polish people.

The warning was voiced at a press conference given by four leading figures in the military administration which assumed power nearly a month ago.

Janusz Óbodowski, deputy prime minister and economic council chief, complained that Western nations had compounded Poland's economic problems by freezing credits.

He said Poland's debt now amounted to \$28.5 billion, with more to be added when last year's food purchases were included.

Mr. Obodowski declared that Poland needed 1.5 billion dollars for every quarter of this year-not necessarily in cash - to meet its import commitments.

"If we don't get these sums we will have to significantly curb home supply and production and partially replace these monies by tightening our links with Comecon (the Soviet bloc's economic organisation)", he said.

The deputy prime minister said that Western banks had been run-

ning such good business with Pol-and that they might have to lose something now.

Martial law was cheaper than last year's industrial anarchy, he said, adding: "Western bankers are well informed about the situation in Poland."

He described the situation over agricultural purchases as fatal, despite good harvests. Farmers were hoarding produce and refusing to sell.

Poland faced a "painful operation of substantial price increases" and higher income earners would have to bear the brunt, Mr. Obodowski said.(Poland signals normalisation, page 8)

Haig to seek European support for anti-Soviet line over Poland

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (R) — Secretary of State Alexander Haig will urge NATO allies on Monday to overcome their reluctance and join the United States in accusing the Soviet Union of responsibility for the Polish crisis.

Mr. Haig, who flies to Brussels tomorrow for the one-day special meeting of foreign ministers of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, hopes the alliance will forge a united response to the military crackdown in Poland.

But Western alliance sources in Brussels said U.S. insistence on support from its allies could pose difficulties and exacerbate differences which emerged between the two sides of the Atlantic after Washington imposed sanctions on Moscow and Warsaw last month. Mr. Haig spelled out Was-

hington's aim this week when he acknowledged that each member of the alliance had different problems and different means to deal with sanctions.

But he added: "I would anticipate, however, very clear language with respect to Soviet responsibility for events and Soviet obligations to deal with those events, and clearly a reiteration of the consequences of Soviet involvement in even greater repression as well as a continuing rep-

West Europe has been reluctant so far to commit itself to sanctions. The sources said whether or not Moscow instigated the military takeover of Dec. 13 most West Europeans considered the worst evil remained the danger of direct Soviet intervention in Poland.

This was not only likely to make repression more brutal but would also have incalculable effects on East-West relations, including a probable suspension of arms reduction talks.

West Europe's problems in defining Moscow's role in the crisis could also be compounded by Greece and Turkey.

Reagan, Brezhnev summit 'in the works'

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (R) -President Reagan has said a summit with Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev was "in the works" but gave no predictions about when or where they would meet.

Mr. Reagan spoke of possible talks with the Soviet leader when questioned by reporters as he was leaving the White House to spend the week-end at the Camp David presidential retreat.

"We have always had in mind a meeting with Mr. Brezhnev and it is still in the works," he said. Mr. Reagan met the Soviet leader when Mr. Brezhnev visited thenpresident Richard Nixon at San

Clemente in California in 1973 but they have had no face-to-face encounter since Mr. Reagan became president.

Earlier, Deputy White House Press Secretary Larry Speakes said no active planning was under way for a Soviet-American summit, which he said would have to have advance indications of "reasonable" success.

However, other U.S. officials said the condition apparently laid down by Mr. Speakes, which has governed summit arrangements in the past, might have to be waived because of the need to hold a high-level meeting on detenorating U.S.-Soviet relations.

Signalling a new approach, Sec-

"The president is very sensitive to the requirement to maintain, rather than terminate, communications in time of crisis." he

Asked last month how he felt

retary of State Alexander Haig intimated on Wednesday the military crackdown in Poland, which the United States has attributed to Soviet pressure, had promoted renewed consideration of a sum-

about a summit, Mr. Reagan said: "I think we're in the world together, and it doesn't mean you can't talk and try to resolve your

Italian foreign minister leaves after 2-day visit ions can play to promote the peace

review European role in Middle East

AMMAN, Jan. 9 (Petra) — İta-lian Foreign Minister Emilio Colombo left here for home tonight after a two-day official visit to Jordan during which he held luncheon talks with His Majesty King Hussein.

Mr. Colombo also met with His Röyal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, Prime Minister Mudar, Badran and Foreign Minister Marwan Ai Qasem.

During talks at Al Hummar Palace this afternoon, the King and the Italian foreign minister reviewed developments of the Palestine problem and its impact on the Arab and international lev-

The King stressed that the Palestine problem is the crux of the Middle East crisis; and that the basis for a just and comprehensive peace should be based on a total Israeli withdrawal from all the occupied Arab territories, and on safeguarding the Palestinian people's rights including their right to self-determination in their own homeland.

The King also talked about Israel's acts of aggression on the Palestinian people and on the Arab World. These acts, he said, clearly prove Israel's lack of interest in establishing a comprehensive peace, and reveals its expansionist

The King referred to Euro-Arab relations and the role Italy and the rest of the European nat-

saw since the military takeover in Poland last month and said the Reagan administration was trying to create an international crisis. "Washington's strategy consists of openly urging Polish counterrevolutionaries not to lay down

would emerge. their arms and to pitch the country into economic chaos while, at the same time, contributing to problems by suspending economic next week. relations with Poland and denying They said Syria, which has been it subsidies and food," Pravda

The dispatch from Washington said the U.S. government was becoming increasingly hysterical over the failure of what it described as U.S. plans for the overthrow of Poland's socialist sys-

Pravda

accuses

U.S. of

tactics

pressure

MOSCOW, Jan. 9 (R) — The

Communist Party daily Pravda

accused the United States today of

threatening to call off nuclear

arms limitation talks to exert pre-

ssure on the Soviet Union over

Pravda condemned the eco-

s imposed on Moscow and War-

nomic sanctions that Washington

"Particularly dangerous is the fact that in its Sordid game the U.S. administration is turning talks on the limitation of nuclear weapons into a bargaining counter." Pravda said.

"One can already hear voices in the Washington press and on television that provocatively predict that Washington's next step will be suspension of Soviet-American talks on the limitation of nuclear weapons in Europe," Pravda said.

The talks on limiting "Eurostrategic missiles" began in Geneva on Nov. 30. Washington has never publicly

linked the talks to Poland. But the Soviet media have already suggested that the United States is trying to win West European support for its trade sanctions by threatening to abandon the neg-

CAL). The three groups have long

dominance in Shiite-populated

efforts. During the audience, Italian-Jordanian relations were reviewed

King, Colombo discuss Palestinian problem,

and means of further promoting bilateral ties were discussed. The audience was attended by His Royal Highness Crown Prince

Hassan, Prime Minister Mudar Badran, Chief of the Royal Court Ahmad Al Lawzi, Court Minister Amer Khammash, Commanderin-Chief of the Armed Forces Lt. Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker and Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem. Attending the meeting also were the Italian ambassador to Jordan, Marquis Fabrizio Rossi

ompanying Mr. Colombo. The party had lunch with the

Crown Prince Hassan met later with the visiting Italian foreign minister and reviewed with him Jordanian-Italian ties. Prince Hassan stressed the need for further promoting bilateral cooperation. He also stressed the importance of the Euro-Arab dialogue and talked about the conditions of Arab inhabitants in the occupied Arab territories, as well as the status of Jerusalem and its significance for Arabs and Muslims throughout the world.

Longhi, and the delegation acc-

Prince Hassan reviewed with Mr. Colombo the condition of Palestinian refugees and the difeducation and living conditions.

eived by Prime Minister Mudar Badran and they discussed Italian-Jordanian relations as well as various aspects of the Middle East problem.

During the meeting, Mr. Colombo said his country is firmly committed to the Venice Declaration on the Middle East. He added that his visit to Jordan is designed to further bolster Italian-Jordanian relations.

Also today Italian-Jordanian official talks were held at the Foreign Ministry. The talks covered the current regional and international issues as well as Italian-Jordanian ties.

Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem, who headed the Jordanian side to the talks, said that the seriousness of the Middle East situation makes it incumbent upon Europe to intensify its efforts towards achieving a just and durable peace in the region based on U.N. resolutions and guaranteeing a total Israeli withdrawal from the all occupied Arab territories and the Palestinian people's rights in their homeland.

The two sides expressed satisfaction with the progress in bilateral cooperation and agreed on further increasing and intensifying this cooperation in a manner that would guarantee Italy's conficulties they are facing in their tribution in Jordanian development projects.

continues Golan debate • T 4 6

UNITED NATIONS, Jan. 9 (R) - The United Nations Security Council has continued its debate on Israel's annexation of the Syrian Golan Heights with no indication what kind of resolution

Several diplomats predicted the debate might continue well into

insisting on sanctions against Israel, appeared uncertain of obtaining the nine votes needed for a

resolution to be adopted in the fulness of the U.N. 15-nation council.

The positions of three council members--Panama, Spain and Zaire--were seen as crucial, since they appeared to hold the balance between those who would vote for sanctions and those likely either to

oppose them or abstain. The observer of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), Zehdi Terzi, told last night's session sanctions would help maintain the credibility and use-

He said the Golan, Heights were only part of the territory included in the map of a proposed Zionist state submitted by the Zionist organisation to the 1919 Paris peace conference, after World War I.

He said the map also included the whole of mandated Palestine. southern Lebanon, areas of Jordan up to the outskirts of Amman. and Egyptian territory from Al Arish to the Gulf of Aqaba.

Street clashes in West Beirut stop

BEIRUT, Jan. 9 (A.P.) — The guns fell silent in Beirut today following four days of street clashes between rival Lebanese militiamen from pro-Iranian. Communist and pro-Iraqi factions that claimed 15 lives and injured 55, a police spokesman said.

The spokesman, who declined to be identified in compliance with government regulations, said armoured units from an all-Syrian Arab Deterrant Force (ADF) enforced a ceasefire in seven major residential neighbourhoods in West Beirut as of midnight. The Syrians, who police Leb-

anon's five-year-old civil war armistice, disengaged the combatants, set up buffer zones and patrolled each of the seven densely pop-ulated neighbourhood around the clock, the spokesman added.

The fighting pitted Amal, the largest paramilitary arm in Lebanon's 950,000-strong Shiite community and one which is loyal to Iran's Ayatoliah Ruhollah Khomeini, against militia forces of Lebanese Socialist Baath Party and the Organisation of Communist Action in Lebanon (O-

been involved in a struggle for

areas. Amal has been biting hard into the traditional Shiite power base of OCAL and the Baathists since the 1979 triumph of Khomeini's anti-monarchy Islamic revolution.

The Baath Party and OCAL are members of the National Movement, a 13-group coalition of leftist factions that fought alongside Palestinians against the nation's rightist alliance in the 1975-76 civil war.

Amal has refused to join the National Movement, demanding an equal say with the overall leadership of the National Movement and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) in the conduct of West Beirut's affairs as well as southern Lebanon, the PLO's main Middle East power base that has a predominantly Shiite population.

The National Movement recently set up a police force of its own called the "Security Committee" to try to establish law and order in West Beirut. The presence of OCAL and Baathist militiamen in the Security Committee force prompted Amai to reject the presence of this force in any of Amal-controlled neighbourhoods, according to an Amal statement.

The statement said Amal would accept only the forces of legitimacy -- government security forces and the Syrian ADF, which polices the civil war truce under an . Arab League mandate -- in Shiite-populated areas. The Lebanese government has

so far been unable to regroup the regular army and police on an efficient nationwide level after their collapse along sectarian lines in the civil war. The east side of Beirut is controlled by the Phalange Party. Lebanon's largest rightist grouping.

Beirut newspapers said the Svrian government plans to invite Amal and National Movement leaders to Damascus shortly to try to mediate a settlement of their dispute over security mai-

ntenance. Meanwhile. the government announced that a blown-up oil pipeline in northern Lebanon has been repaired and tanker-loading operations of Iraqi crude oil exports were slated to resume later today after a five-day interruption

caused by the blast. A government statement said extra security measures have been enforced to guard the pipeline. The measures were not spelled

Mubarak meets U.S. congressman, ambassador

CAIRO. Jan. 9 (A.P.) - President Hosni Mubarak today met with representative Joseph Addabbo, the chairman of the Defence Subcommittee of the U.S. House Appre viations Committee, and discussed the "security of the world," the American Democrat

from New York said. Speaking to reporters after the meeting at Mr. Mubarak's offices in Uruha Palace portheast of :Cairo, Mr. Addabbo said his committee was "in favour of more

We think that Egypt right now

as it needs a basis for economic stability," the Middle East News Agency (MENA) quoted Mr. Addabbo as saying.

Egypt currently receives \$1.1 billion in aid from the United States annually, a programme which began in 1975. In addition the U.S. granted Egypt a \$3.5 billion arms deal in the wake of the signing of the Egyptian-Israeli peace

treaty in 1979. "What we give in foreign aid to any country also benefits the United States and American industry," MENA quoted Mr. Add-

abbo as saying. Mr. Mubarak later received the U.S. Ambassador to Cairo Alfred Atherton, who told reporters after the meeting that they had discussed the Egyptian president's February visit to the United States, the agency said.

MENA quoted Mr. Atherton as saying they had also talked of the upcoming arrival of Secretary of State Alexander Haig, who is due here Tuesday for an exchange of views on the Egyptian-Israeli-American talks on Pal-

estinian "self-rule." The talks were due to resume tomorrow in Cairo, but were postroned because of Haig's visit. No new date has been announced.

Yemenis agree on draft constitution for merger

ADEN, South Yemen, Jan. 9 (A.P.) - The republics of North Yemen and South Yemen have agreed on a draft constitution to merge into a single state, a South Yemen spokesman said today. Mr. Abdullah Ahmad Ghanem

said in a statement the draft constitution provides that Islam will be the official religion and the North Yemeni capital of Sanaa the seat of government of the united Yemeni republic.

For nearly two decades the governments of the two Yemens have been conducting unity talks interspersed with military skirmishes along their mountainous border.

Mr. Ghanem is the secretary of South Yemen's presidium of the supreme people's council (parliament) who led his country's delegation in recent talks with North Yemen on the draft con-

The draft has been submitted to legislative and executive bodies in both countries for ratification before formally announcing the text for a public debate. A date will then be set for a referendum in both countries to finalise the constitution of the union, Mr. Ghanem added.

He said the legislative powers in the unified state will be held by an elected parliament and the judicial system will be headed by an elected attorney-general. Executive powers will be excercised by a council of ministers, Mr. Ghanem said, without spelling out

how the cabinet will be formed. South Yemen, which in 1980 signed a 20-year treaty of friendship and cooperation with the Coviet Union, is the only Marxist-governed state in the Arabian Peninsula. Aden, vital

port of call for the Soviet navy in the Indian Ocean, is the capital of South Yemen, which has a population of two million and an area of 178,978 square miles. Its 24,300-man armed forces are equipped exclusively by the Soviet

North Yemen relies heavily on financial assistance from neighbouring Saudi Arabia. It has a population of 5.3 million and an area of 75,000 square miles. Its 32,100-man armed forces are Soviet and American-equipped.

Both Yemens were classified by recent United Nations survey among the 31 poorest nations of the world. But they are strategically located on the southern entrance to the Red Sea, a strategic shipping lake leading to the Suez Canal and the Western World.

Mr. Ghanem said the draft con-

stitution encourages "the public sector and public ownership" to promote an economy based on scientific planning. But he failed to explain whether the unified state will have a socialist or a capitalist-oriented economy. Mr. Ghanem said the draft con-

stitution provides for a period of transition prior to the creation of the lunited state: which will have one national flag and one anthem. On-and-off unity negotiations

have been under way since the 1962 overthrow of the monarchy in North Yemen. More serious talks began after the 1968 when South Yemen became independent from Britain. But the negotiations had never reached a stage where actual unification was possible. This is the first time that the two Yemens have got to the and militarily. the two Yemens many stage of agreeing on a draft constitution for a merger.

aid to Egypt," both economically

Amid continuing uncertainty over schools

UNRWA teacher resignations increase

RESIGNATIONS of teachers are beginning to cause problems for the United Nations organisation responsible for providing education and other services to Palestine refugees, which is threatened by a major financial crisis in the next few months.

Since the current school year began in August some 250 teachers working in Jordan have resigned from the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA).

Most of them are men who leave for jobs with better prospects in other Arab countries; many are university graduates teaching in junior secondary schools who are difficult to replace. So the agency has doubled its provision for inservice training in Jordan to upgrade elementary school teachers from 60 trainees to 120.

Additional costs

"This is an additional expense for UNRWA, coming at a time when the agency is already in deep financial trouble," UNRWA's education officer in Iordan, Ibrahim Maslamani, said recently. "This reason for the resignations is the constant threat of closure of UNRWA schools, and the insecurity that comes with it. At this time last year there were far fewer

UNRWA's director of education. Dr. Husni Feridun, added: Very many of our teachers are trying to find other jobs, and not only those in Jordan. The education programme will begin to suffer a lot soon as we lose experienced teachers and hire inexperienced ones."

UNRWA runs 635 schools for about 340,000 Palestine refugee children, in addition to providing health and relief services to a total registered population of 1.9 million Palestine refugees, in Jordan, Lebanon, Syria and the occupied territories of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

To maintain existing services in 1982 will take \$265 million but income, mainly from voluntary contributions by the governments that support UNRWA, is estimated to amount only to about \$185 million. The agency therefore faces a shortfall in income of nearly \$80 million, which means that major budget items including part of the education programme are threatened with the axe soon.

Planning under way

Of the \$80 million prospective deficit, \$39 million represents the

Mr. CHUNG JONG YUN

at the Queen Alia International Airport

resignations and so the increase now is considerable."

serve the education system intact. UNRWA's Commissioner-General Olof Rydbeck has warned that if there is no sign of extra contributions covering this amount early in 1982, he will be forced to take steps that would mean the closure of schools attended by hundreds of thousands of young Palestine refugees.

Contingency planning for possible closure of UNRWA's schools is already under way. In Jordan, UNRWA has about 3,800 teaching posts. Although the overall percentage rate of staff

shortfall in income needed to prehit more badly than others.

The Balga area schools north of Amman, for example, have lost 60 teachers out of 600 in recent weeks. Most of them have gone to the Gulf states and Saudi Arabia.

'UNRWA's duty'

THE HEAD teacher of the Jerash elementary school, Abdul Azim Musabeh, when asked about the possible effects of school closure, replied,: "There will be trouble, of course. Trouble everowhere in the Arab countries. It

loss to far is small, some areas are is UNRWA's duty to keep the

schools going."

Khadija Titi, Jaffa-born beadmistress of the Amman New Camp Girls' School No.3, said: All the talk of closing schools gives us a feeling of instability, but we take care not to let it affect our classroom work." She has just lost four of her 33 teachers.

One of her pupils, Maya Mossa. is only 13 but she knows about the threat to UNRWA schools in Jordan and she echoes the views of her teachers. She declared: "For the Palestine people, the only thing left is education."

-- UNRWA feature



Girl's school at Baqaa camp in the Balqa area north of Amman. UNRWA schools in this area have lost 60 teachers out of 600 in recent weeks.



The only thing we have left, says a young Palestine this one at New Amman camp, are in danger of refugee, is education. But UNRWA schools such as closing because of UNRWA's financial problems.

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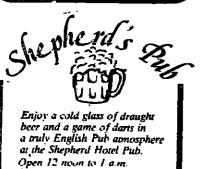
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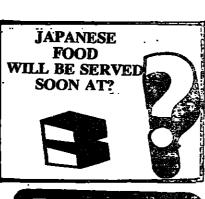


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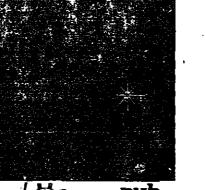




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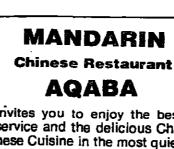








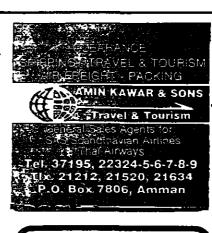




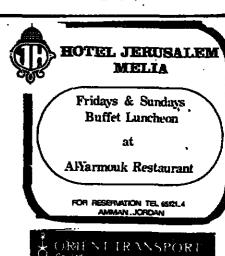
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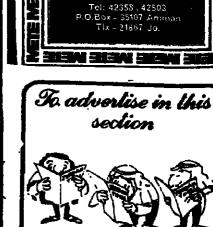


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AMMAN, Jan. 9 (Petra) — Her Majesty Queen Noor opened at the Jordan Intercontinental Hotel this evening the Canadian Photography Exhibition, organised in cooperation by the Department of Culture and Arts and the Canadian embassy. On display in the week-long exhibition

are 64 photographs by six Canadians, depicting social life and the Canadian landscape. Attending the opening of the exhibition were Director of Culture and Arts Haidar Mahmoud, members of the diplomatic corps in Jordan and art lovers.

2 new post offices offer phone lines

Aqaba Railway Corporation (ARC) is JD 390,000 short of the

amount it needs to meet its fin-

ancial obligations, according to a

report in Al Ra'i newspaper

The paper said that ARC Dir-

ector General Sahi Hamza had

explained the firm's financial dif-

ficulties in a memorandum to Min-

ister of Transport Ali Al Suh-

runs short of money

AMMAN, Jan. 9 (J.T.) - The ered loan payments the cor-

eimat, its chairman. The gov- asportation difficulties, including

ernment had allocated JD conveyor belt breakdowns at

750,000 for the repayment of Aqaba, and problems with the ARC's debts in 1981, which covmarketing of phosphates abroad.

AMMAN, Jan. 9 (Petra) — Minister of Communications Mohammad Addoub Al Zaben opened two post offices at Jabel Al Qusour and Abu Alia village in the suburbs of Amman today. The Jabal Al Qusour branch contains a telephone exchange offering subscribers 400 new internal lines, and 10 direct lines with the Amman central telephone exchange. An exchange at the Abu Alia office offers the village 50 internal lines, and is connected by a direct line with the Mahatta telephone exchange. A ministry spokesman said that

Post Office Savings Fund's services will be handled by the two new post offices in the coming few days.

poration had to make in that year.

But the corporation also needed

JD 390,000 to pay interest on loans left over from 1980, the

paper said. Mr. Hamza reportedly exp-

lained that the corporation's revenues in 1981, which had been

expected to reach JD 4.2 million,

were only JD 2.7 million. He

added that this was due to tra-

23rd command course

begins at military college

Jordanian, Arab and foreign officers attend the opening session of the 23rd command course Sat-

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

AMMAN, Jan. 9 (Petra) -- Commander-in-Chief

of the Armed Forces Lt. Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Sha-

ker opened here today the 23rd command course

for army officers from Jordan and other Arab and

Arab Nation is currently passing through a critical

stage, characterised by anxiety and instability due

to Israel's intransigence and its expansionist policy,

JCO trains new employees

AMMAN, Jan. 9 (Petra) - A three-week tra-

ining course on cooperatives opened at the Jordan

Cooperative Organisation (JCO) here today. JCO

Director Hassan Nabulsi told the 20 participants

that the course is designed to orient them on var-

ious skills in cooperative work, particularly in the

management of cooperatives and cooperative ins-

tirutions. The participants are all new JCO emp-

In a speech on the occasion, Sharif Zaid said the

friendly countries.

as well as its total disregard of world public opinion.

efficiency and quality of its armed forces, and par-

ticularly their commanding officers.

Price fixers get fixed

Fathi Abu Taleb.

tences today.

The Arab Nation, he said, should improve the

Attending the opening session, held at the Royal

Military Staff College here, were a number of

high-ranking army officers, including Chief of Staff

AMMAN, Jan. 9 (Petra) - The military court has

sentenced Abdul Razzaq Al Hanini to one week

in prison for selling food at a higher price than the

fixed price, and Abdul Qader Quwieder to pay a

fine of JD 60 for violating Ministry of Supply regulations. The court also sentenced Ibrahim

'Areh Al 'Uleimi to six months in prison for smu-

.ggling. The military governor approved these sen-

Consultants Railway corporation sought for for copper project

AMMAN, Jan. 9 (Petra) - The Natural Resources Authority (NRA) is at present sounding out economic consultants to find out whether they are interested in helping Jordan to exploit copper ore deposits found in the Wadi

Araba, southern Jordan. An NRA spokesman said that several consultants have been contacted for the purpose of conducting a feasibility study on the project, and on the possibility of constructing a cottage plant for refining copper from the ore. The plant would have an initial productive capacity of 3,000 tonnes

annually. The Wadi Araba region is believed to contain nearly 5 million tonnes of copper deposits. The project, expected to be implemented during the current fiveyear development plan, will cost nearly JD 8 million, of which JD 7.4 million will come from loans and the sale of shares. The rest will be financed by the government.

Mosque rite on Prophet's

AMMAN, Jan. 9 (Petra) - A religious ceremony was held at the Grand Husseini Mosque today to mark the Prophet Mohammad's birthday ann

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Attending was Minister of Awqui, and Islamic Affairs Kamel Al Sharif, who made a speech in which he denot religious fanaticism as harmful

Other speakers on the occasion were senior aides of the Ministry of Awquf and Islamic

190 accused tax evaders, bribe accepters go on trial

AMMAN, Jan. 9 (J.T.) — The military court will try on Sunday about 190 persons accused of ill-

and 60 Income Tax Department at the former hall of the National Consultative Council, the local

press reported today. The military court will be presided over by Col. Ghaled Sulciman, and will include Col. Mohmmad Manko and Col. Tawfig Punsh. The military prosecutor

Condolences extended to Farouk Kaddoumi

AMMAN, Jan. 9 (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein today delegated Minister of Occupied Territories Affairs Hassan Ibrahim to convey his sympathy to Mr. Farouk Kaddoumi, head of the Palestine Liberation Organisation's political department, and to the Kaddoumi family on the death of Ghaleb Al Kaddoumi. Mr. Kaddoumi died here on Wednesday of a heart attack. He was 54. At the time of his death, the late Mr. Kaddoumi, brother of Mr. Farouk Kaddoumi, served as UNRWA's director of education in the Amman area. Mr. Farouk Kaddoumi arrived here last night to receive condolences on

Weather goes wild

By Josephine Mushahwar Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, Jan. 9 - Amman Airport was closed to traffic today because of dense fog, and landings in the morning were diverted to Aqaba airport, the Meteorology Department said today. The department also said a total lunar eclipse will take place tomorrow night. The airport was closed from the early hours until 9:30 a.m., when it

reopened after visibility became 1,000 metres, enabling the planes to land safely, an official said. The official said the eclipse will take place on Sunday between 9:15 and 10:15 p.m. A second, partial eclipse is also predicted starting at

11:30 p.m., he added. The unusually cold weather today was the result of a cold depression coming from central Turkey, with northwesterly winds, heavy clouds and dense fog which covered the country. There was 10 millimetres of rain in Amman, six millimetres in the Suweileh area. six millimetres in Salt, five millimetres in Irbid, two millimetres in Ramtha and three millimetres in Jerash.

According to the Meteorology Department, the fog was the result of the humidity and moisture the cold air mass had acquired as it passed over the sea to Amman.

With a relative humidity of 92 per cent at Amman Airport, the temperature and dew point were relatively close. The fog settled in

The Public Security Directorate broadcast warnings to drivers all over Jordan. The worst route was the road to Ma'an region, and the Meteorology Department predicted that it will be unsafe to travel

Another dangerous area was Al Hasa, where wind created sandstorms that brought visibility almost to zero.

Captain of Panamanian ship arrested for Aqaba pollution

AQABA, Jan. 9 (Petra) — Jordanian patrol boats seized the Sunny Trader, a cargo ship flying the Panamanian flag, and arrested its captain today for contaminating Jordan's territorial waters at the Agaba harbour with oily waste, an official announcement said.

It said the captain, whose name and nationality were not dis-closed, would be brought to trial before a Jordanian court soon on a charge of violating Jordan's sea and shores protection law, an offence punishable by a fine of JD 10,000.

The harbour patrol which brought the captain in is run by the Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature.

The announcement gave no other details beyond saying the ship was under custody at Aqaba.

Red Crescent chief urges probe into Iran actions

AMMAN, Jan. 9 (Petra) - Jordanian National Red Crescent Society President Ahmad Abu Qoura today sent a memorandum to the president of the Intemational Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Geneva, requesting him to conduct an investigation into the reported mass murder of Iraqi war prisoners by the Iranian regime.

In his memo, Dr. Abu Qoura urged the ICRC to see that intemational laws concerning the status of war prisoners are respected.

The Jordanian Red Crescent had earlier issued a statement dep-

Times the shipment, the first of the mineral to be received by a Middle Eastern country for industrial purposes, contains 21,000 tonnes of bright yellow elemental nuggetised sulphur.

has contracted a number of sup-

The JD 145 million plant, sit-

sphoric acid and 1.100 tonnes of diammonium phosphate. The official said other shiloring Iran's inhuman actions.

IRBID, Jan. 9 (Petra) -- An area of 1,026 dunums of land around four villages in Irbid Governorate has been planted with pine and other forest trees during the current season, according to the director of the agriculture department here.

1,026 dunums planted near Irbid

He said that some 82,000 saplings have been planted in and around the villages of Sartabah, Himma, Umm Qais and Al The department has plans to plant trees along the road linking Al

Thunaibeh with the Ramtha intersection during this season, he

Dean appointed at university section

AMMAN, Jan. 9 (Petra) - A royal decree was issued today approving the appointment of Dr. Mohammad Hamdan as dean of scientific research at the University of Jordan.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Exhibitions

- Islamic Book Exhibition at the Arab Community College, opposite the University of Jordan Hospital.
- Paintings by Mohammad Wafa Sinnu, at the Jordan National Gallery of Fine Arts.
- * The Canadian Photography Exhibition, at the Jordan Int-Sicontinental Hotel.
- Architect and Computer (A man Machine System), an exhibition by the Goethe Institute with the Association of Engmeers, at the Professional Associations Complex in Shmeisani. Opens at 6 p.m., on the fifth floor of the complex building.

Film

The French Cultural Centre presents Defense de Savoir, a detective film in colour (sub-titled in Arabic), at 7:30 p.m.



Minister of Health Zuhair Malhas (at head of table) chairs the opening session of the Jordanian-Iraqi health committee at the Health Ministry Saturday

support of Iraq in its struggle to

side of the Jordanian-Iraqi joint health committee, which opened

meetings at the Health Ministry

today. Dr. Malhas, who chairs the meetings, said that the committee

is keen on promoting health coo-

peration between the two countries. The meetings also aim at

finding means of implementing a

bilateral health agreement signed

The agreement provides.

among other things, for coo-

peration in combating contagious

and endemic diseases, the pro-

tection of the environment, the

exchange of expertise in health

matters and allowing citizens from

Iraq and Jordan to enjoy health

and medical facilities in both cou-

The two countries also agreed

to unify curricula in their medical

in 1979, he said.

ntries.

Dr. Khalifa is heading the Iraqi

Iraq, Jordan move to link health, medicine policies

AMMAN, Jan, 9 (Petra) — Iraq here by Dr. Sa'doun Khalifa, diraulta bute to Jordan for its substantial ector general of the Iraqi health support of Iraq in its struggle to to unify its policies on therapeutic and preventive medicine with those of Jordan, as a contribution towards Iraqi-Jordanian integration in health and medicine.

control directorate, during talks with Health Minister Zuhair Malhas. He emphasised the importance to the two countries of an exchange of statistical information

The announcement was made on medical affairs, and paid tri-

Fertiliser company gets 21,000 tonnes of sulphur this week

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN, Jan. 9 - The Canadian freighter Carriana Orchid will dock at Agaba on Sunday with a cargo of sulphur for the Jordan Fertiliser Industry Company

A JFIC official told the Jordan

The JD 55 million-capital JFIC pliers for the sulphur to be used in its production of sulphuric acid, phosphoric acid and diammonium phosphate, he said. The shipment, received in bulk, will be unloaded at the company's own industrial port at Aqaba using a speciallyconstructed unloader, he added.

uated 17 kilometres south of the Red Sea port, will use phosphates from the Jordan Phosphate Mines Company's mines. It has a daily output of 1.800 tonnes of sulphuric acid, 1,250 tonnes of pho-

pments will follow, the first being 10.443 tonnes on the freighter Al Samad, expected to dock at Agaba in the first week of Feb-JFIC's fertiliser units are exp-

ected to begin commercial production in August. The entire facility is expected to be running at full capacity after three years.

The company also plans to use a byproduct of the fertiliser production process, fluosilicic acid, to produce aluminium fluoride. Construction on a 20.000tonne-a-year plant for this purpose will begin this year, under a JD 9 million turnkey contract with Swiss Aluminium Ltd. (Alu-

schools and coordinate their production of vaccines and pharmaceutical products, as well as to form a joint committee to follow up the implementation of the agr-Agreement on holding the cur-

rent meetings was reached in November 1981, and the Iraqi team arrived here last night for its talks with the Jordanian side.

Government to buy JD 1m of agriculture fund's equity

AMMAN, Jan. 9 (J.T.) - The government has decided to increase its share in the capital of the Agricultural Credit Corporation (ACC) by JD 1 million, the local press reported today.

An ACC official was quoted as saying that the corporation is cur-rently contacting officials from the International Fund for Agricultural Development and the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development to secure a loan of \$18 million.

He added that other contacts are being made with the National Planning Council in order to obtain a loan from Kreditanstalt fur Wiederaufbau (KFW), the West German development fund, to meet this year's loan requirements of JD 8 million, the report said. It said a lack of funds prevents the ACC from expanding its lending to support new agricultural projects, particularly the introduction of modern technology.

The official said that efforts are being exerted now to support projects for the cultivation of flowers, trees and animal feed; the digging of wells, and improvement of highland agricultural areas.

Today's Weather

With the eastward movement of the cold depression, it will be partly cloudy, with scattered showers in the northern regions. In Aqaba, it will be partly cloudy with northerly moderate winds and calm seas.

	Overnight low	Daytime high
Amman	3	12
Aqaba	10	20
Deserts	5	15
Jordan Valley	11	20

Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 11, Aqaba 19. Humidity readings: Amman 92 per cent, Aqaba 40 per cent.

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THE EXTENDED debate taking place at the United Nations Security Council this week about a resolution on the effective Israeli annexation of the occupied Syrian Golan Heights is not really a reflection of the United Nations system's ability or inability to deal with international issues of this sort. The U.N., after all, is but a mirror of the countries that make it up, and it is unfair to heap scorn on the United Nations per se. It is only as good or as bad as its member countries.

The real issue at hand, we suggest, is the relationship between the United States and Israel. The United States has made it clear that it will veto a U.N. call for sanctions against Israel, and thus what is taking place now in the Security Council is a routine diplomatic exercise in symantics and style. It is good form to have yet another U.N. resolution rapping Israel on its well-rapped knuckles; the effort to secure such a resolution will continue, with our humble support for the sake of form and style and the need to keep the historical record honest.

But deeper down, the Security Council discussions are yet another signal to the Arabs and to the world that the United States is willing only to make symbolic, ultimately hypocritical and hollow, gestures of anger at Israel, but is not willing to go further than this. We are again witnessing the time-tested constant that when the chips are down, the Americans and the Israelis are on the same side. The Americans are telling us again that they are, effectively, undisturbed by Israel's actions in the Middle East, and they are, essentially, pleased with the status quo in the area. What a feeble performance it is, indeed.

Qadhafi spruces up Libya

By Robart McCartney

The government of Col. Muammar Qadhafy is putting new polish on this spartan capital and the Libyan national image as it gears up to host the 19th summit of the Organisation of African Unity in

Qadhafy's nation has opened the first deluxe hotels since his 1969 revolution and his revolutionary committees are active in a public cleanup campaign. They have called on cities to weed their parks and clear sheep off the streets -- although signs are lacking that their advice is being

Libya's desire to make a good impression is expected to go hand in hand with a careful foreign policy posture, according to African west European diplomats

The diplomats predict Qadhafy will avoid any open involvement in his neighbours' affairs that might upset his hopes of taking over the chairmanship of the

OAU for the year following the

'He wants as many heads of state to attend as possible," said a black African diplomat here, who

asked to remain anonymous. At last year's summit in Kenya. Egypt, Sudan, Ghana, Gabon and Uganda spoke out against holding the conference in Libya, claiming Qadhafy didn't have the credibility to become OAU chairman.

Diplomats also cite the coming summit as one reason why Qadhafy was quick last month to withdraw his 15,000 troops from Chad after Chad President Goukouni Oueddei asked them to go.

In an article criticising conditions in advance of the OAU meeting, the revolutionary committees have published photos in their newspaper "Green March" showing two of the hundreds of rock-studded vacant lots that fill Tripoli.

Dogs run loose, not to mention the sheep that one sees," the

The empty lots contrast sharply with the modern apartment buicontrolled media. ldings put up in a crash housing campaign under Qadhafy's revolution, whose philosophy is a

melding of radical socialism. Arab nationalism, and Saharan culture. Until now, Libya has let foreign businessmen -- drawn by its oil riches — sleep two or three to a room in dingy hotels built in the 1950s and 1960s.

We needed lots of things more than hotels, like new schools, hospitals, and homes for our people."
Abdalla Almigri, director of foreign information, said.

In the past month, however, two

top-class hotels have opened, and construction workers are labouring feverishly to finish two more benore the OAU summit. Large photographs of Qadhafy grace the lobbies of both hotels, and quotations from his "Green Book," are pasted in the doors: "One cannot speak on behalf of the people. The people must

speak for themselves," reads one. Loudspeakers in hallways of

one of the hotels regularly carry new broadcasts by the state-

Some Libyans talk brightly of making Libya a tourist haven. "Libya has the most beautiful beaches and cleanest shores on the mediterranean." Mohamed Gaied, manager of the new El Wahat (oasis) Hotel, said.

In addition. Libya boasts two sets of spectacular ancient Roman ruins at Leptis Magna and Sabratha, comparable to Italy's better-known ruins at Pompeii. But the Libyan government

grants very few tourist visas, apparently fearing that foreign pleasure-seekers might corrupt this society seeking to preserve traditional Islamic values. Furthermore, many Western

holiday-makers might shun Libya because they can't get alcoholic beverages here. Qadhafy banned alcohol and closed the lively nightclubs in the Italian community after he came to power.

Brazilian nuclear programme delayed

By Peter Eisner

BRAZIL has begun a forced slowdown in its trouble-plagued nuclear energy programme because of continuing design and construction problems.

Critics say an overambitious, multibillion dollar plan is now being trimmed to size by economic realities. The government nuclear programme, however, remains a powerful bargaining tool on the diplomatic front. While opposition critics question the priority given to expensive nuclear power in the face of other social needs. nuclear diplomacy has become a key aspect of Brazilian neg-otiations with the United States. Western Europe, the oil-rich Arab nations and Brazil's South

American neighbours. Diplomatic sources here say the right-wing military is the major proponent of a strong nuclear programme for Brazil, 85 per cent of whose energy now comes from hydroelectric power.

Federal energy officials here announced last month that they were postponing the start of commercial operation of the nation's first nuclear power plant -- built by Westinghouse -- because of what they said was the risk of serious design problems.

The plant, a 620-megawatt reactor known as Angra I and located on the Atlantic coast just south of Rio de Janeiro, is similar to plants in Sweden and Spain that have shown vibration and water pressure trouble recently, the federal mines and energy ministry

The Angra I delay was only the latest in a series of cost overnus and design problems in the Brazilian programme.

Brazil signed a 1975 agreement with West Germany that was to have led to construction of eight 1,300 megawatt plants. Recently. however, the government said it had only enough money to guarantee completion of four of them - and admitted that even those will be delayed at least by 10 years until the year 2000.

The first two West German facilities, Angra 2 and 3, are not far from the Westinghouse site. They have been delayed by design and cost overrun problems, plus a controversy sparked by a report that said Angra 2 was located on geological fault line.

Two more German plants are planned for Sao Paulo state, but have suffered repeated criticism from a growing number of environment-minded citizens.

Brazil, which rejects the idea of "full-scope" nuclear safeguards, has refused to sign the nuclear non-proliferation treaty, and reserves the right to construct nuclear devices for peaceful purposes.

Recently, however, the United States indicated it might change its stand on the nuclear issue if a deal can be worked out that doesn't violate U.S. nuclear restrictions. During a visit to Brazil in October, Vice President George Bush said the Reagan administration would enter negotiations with Brazil that could end a U.S. boycott on uranium sales.

-- Associated Press

Rabah

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

Eitan's glee

ALRA'I: The threat voiced by Israeli chief of staff Eitan about the possibility of war breaking out on the eastern front, his enjoyment of the Iraqi-Iranian war and his hopes for this war to continue should alert the Arabs who care for Iraq.

The Israeli chief of staff's talk about the Iraqi-Iranian war and the Golan Heights proves that the continuation of the Iraqi-Iranian war is a strategic Israeli goal which secures Israel's annexation of the Golan Heights and paves the way for the Israeli military machine to proceed with its bullying and threats in the

region. This means that those who work against Iraq rather than support it are only prolonging this war and, thus providing Israel with the opportunity to swallow the Golan Heights.

The outcome of all these issues should be enough to remind the Arabs of what Jordan had urged them to accomplish. Jordan had called on the Arabs to support Iraq and enable it to put an end to this war thus tressing the unity of Arab rights and pan-Arab commitment. The Arabs might recall that Jordan had warned against the grave dangers resulting from the continuation of this war. It had called on the Islamic states to adopt a firm stand in their mediations with Iran in order to make it accept peace.

Current events have proved the validity of Jordan's predictions. It is hoped that the Arabs who did not support Iraq or worked against it should reconsider their stands and turn to the right path to participate in the making of a new Arab status which can enable the Arabs to regain their usurped rights and protect themselves against continued Israeli bullying which threatens their existence and the future of their coming generations.

Pope on peace

AL DUSTOUR: It is only natural for Israel to exploit the Vatican's statement on the Middle East in an attempt deceiving the intemational public opinion to believe that the Vatican supports Israel's concept of security - the one it resorts to to foil all peace

efforts in the region.

The statement explains the Vatican's concern to establish peace in the Middle East and to secure a just solution to the Palestinian issue. This is a stand the Vatican has always adhered to. But the statement contained sentences which pose a lot of questions particularly those sentences stressing the need for considering the security of the state of Israel when discussing a just solution to the Palestinian issue. This explains the support for the Israeli concept of security. Israel understands security as the occupation of Arab territories and expanding with the force of weapons.

The important question is: Does Israel, the strongest and the best armed state, with its appetite for aggression and expansion need security?

We are sure that His Holiness Pope John Paul II understands that the Palestinian people who have been displaced by Israel are the ones who need security and protection from Zionist aggression and terrorism and that they may return to their lands to practice their right to live. His Holiness also understands that the Arab states whose territories are occupied are always under attack by Israel and that they are the ones who need security and protection from the Zionist expansion.

All the people in the region need security Israel least of all. We understand that stressing the security of Israel means falling in the Israeli trap and protecting the regional gains Israel has achieved by the use of force. We do not believe that the Vatican accepts or

approves of this.

We welcome the Pope's call on Israel to commit itself to a just settlement of the Palestinian issue because we understand that he understands that the Palestinian issue is the crux of the conflict in the region. The just solution he called for will only be achieved if Israel withdraws from all the territories it occupied by force, including Jerusalem.

Senegambia, the old and the new

By Jean-Marc Fleury

Legend has it that, to create the Gambia, a British gunboat sailed as far as it could up the Gambia River. A gunshot fired forward determined the total length of the country (325 kilometres), and one to the left and another to the right demarcated its width, from 20 to 50 kilometres.

This tiny West African country, completely hemmed in by Senegal, is one of the most blatant anachronisms of the African continent. It poses a serious problem for Senegal by cutting off direct access to Casamance, its most fertile province, throughout which oil discoveries have been made. The Gambians, however, have managed to make the best of their situation. Peanut farming, tourism and some smuggling have made Gambia a haven of peace and stability. Even in 1978, the New York Times cited democracy in the Gambia as an example for the

whole of Africa. On July 30 last, all this collapsed with an attempted coup d'etat. Today, president-elect Sir Dwada Jawara is once again in power, but only thanks to the massive intervention of Senegalese troops. The United Nations agencies are examining ways of get-ting the country back on its feet, while the Senegalese army remains omnioresent. Once again, there is some question of joining the five million Senegalese with the half million Gambians within the framework of a confederation or, at the very least, some sort of customs union. This would mitigate the effects of one of the most bizarre boundary demarcations on

the continent. For Babacar Barry, a history professor at the University of Dakar, the union of the Gambia and Senegal is but a first step towards the creation of the "true" Senegambia, "In current political terms," he says, "Senegambia consists of the Republics of Senegal and the Gambia. Historically, Senegambia is of far greater dimensions. It includes the whole of the Senegal and Gambia River basins, from their sources to their mouths."

"Greater Senegambia", then, includes not only Senegal and the Gambia, but vast chunks of Mauritania, Mali, Guinea and all of Guinea-Bissau. "This Senegambia has always existed," states Professor Barry. "Although its

peoples have different names: Peul, Serer, Wolof, Toucouleur, Diola. Mande, and so on, we can see that their social and political structures are about the same."

"Prior to the 15th Century. because it is adjacent to the ocean and the ocean did not yet play an economic role, this region was no more than an appendage, the cul-de-sac of West Africa, whose centre of gravity was the Western

as Atlantic trade, which had become more important than trans-Saharan trade, expanded. At times, such as under the rule of the Wolofs and at the time of the invasion of the Peul conqueror Koli Tengela, it even constituted a single entity. The coastal kingdoms, however, armed by the Europeans, subsequently gained

strength and formed a mosaic of

because manhunting was their sole activity.

"The only pan-Senegambian political force to emerge then was Islam", continues Barry. "Throughout the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries. Islam played a role of ideological change both politically and socially. All subsequent attempts at union were on the part of the Moslems. Islam became the

egambia began to gain importance gdoms. Any union was impossible ortunately, his action coincided with the colonial conquest, and the most widely acclaimed Senegambian conqueror eventually had to establish his kingdom in the

west African interior, in Mali. "Paradoxically," states Professor Barry, "it was the colonial conquest that in a way put an end to the political fractioning of Senegambia. When France conquered a large portion of Senegambia at

example, all of Fouta Diallon (the mountainous region where the Senegal and Gambia Rivers find their source) was joined to the colony of French Guinea; the whole of the upper Senegal River region joined Mali; and the entire right bank of the Senegal River was given to Mauritania, even though the inhabitants along both banks of the river were the same. Subsequent independence merely confirmed the political map as it had been planned by the colonial powers.

"Now that the independent states realize the impossibility of developing given these ridiculous boundaries," points out Babacar Barry, "we have two enormous joint economic projects: the Gambia River Development Organisation (OMVG) and the Senegal River Development Organisation (OMVS)." The aim of both organisations is to be develop the agriculture and industry of the two river basins. The OMCG includes Senegal, the Gambia and Guinea. The OMVS includes Senegal, Mauritania, Mali and Gui-

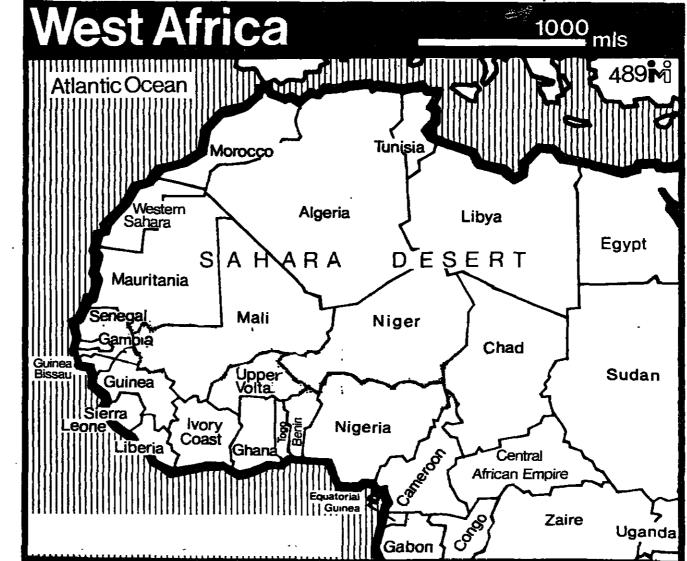
"Both these projects are very important for the region, but they pose considerable political problems, making them still just projects," states the historian. "There is the OMVG on the one hand. and the OMVS on the other, although there is no reason for two separate bodies, two hureaucracies for two projects which are essentially the same."

Professor Barry considers it deplorable that there has been no co-ordination of the two projects. "Why," he wonders, "can there not be a single structure -- the first modern Senegambian structure -- which brings all of the countries, including Guinea-Bissau, together to consider these problems globally?"

There is some consolation for Professor Barry. He has just obtained a one-year research grant from the International Development Research Centre, of Canada, to enable him to refine. his concept of "Greater Sen-egambia". He is thrilled by the project. "It is a dream is based on an historical reality. Politicians act on a day-to-day basis. I do not think they have this vision yet. I believe it is good to draw their attention to the enormous possibilities of a Greater Sen-

egambia.

-- IDRC Feature



Sudan at the loop of the Niger River. But everything changed after the fall of the Mali kingdom in the 15th century. Something extraordinary occurred. The Mali empire, on the wane on its home ground, fell back to the coast and survived for centuries along the

lains Babacar Barry." Warlike aristocracies established themselves banks of the Gambia River. After that pivotal century, Sen- in each of the small coastal kin-

small states. In the 17th Century, Atlantic trade had a corrosive effect on African societies, particularly as a result of the slave trade. "The trade favoured the political fratheir legitimacy." gmentation of Senegambia," exp-

sole form of contesting the established power in that the aristocracies, having associated themselves with the architects of the slave trade, had lost the basis of

Hence, the popularity of the Toucouleur chief El Hadj Omar who gave concrete form to Islamization in Senegambia. Unf-

the end of the 19th century, it united all of these kingdoms. At the same time, it created imbalances." "The colony of Senegal became homogeneous region, but the

English held onto the Gambia. Guinea-Bissau was conquered by Portugal. The rest of Senegambia, although still under French rule, was joined to other colonies. For

Brandt warns U.S. of economic catastrophe

KUWAIT, Jan. 9 (A.P.) — Former West German Chancellor Willy Brandt was quoted here today as calling on the United States to give up its vigorous economic policies in the coming two years, otherwise it could face "a catastrophe.

Mr. Brandt, who is in Kuwait to preside over a meeting of the Brandt Commission, an independent world panel seeking the promotion of cooperation between developed and developing nations, also warned the world against going ahead with its huge armament programme at a time when a fraction of armament expenditure could solve the development problems of Third World countries.

"I believe and a number of my colleagues in the commission share this opinion, that the United States has two alternatives: either affect a radical change in its present economic policies during the coming two years or face a semicatastrophe," Mr. Brandt said in an interview with the daily Al

Mr. Brandt did not elaborate, but observers said he was referring to the foreign aid policies pursued by the Reagan administration, its direction of world bodies in charge of international financing such as the World Bank, and strict pursuance of a free-market economy with adverse effects on the economies of developing nations and long-term remedies for "this mad the world economy at large.

As for Britain, Mr. Brandt said, the consequences will be less dramatic because Britain does not bear the same weight in global economies, "though my expectations apply in principle to British economic policies as well."

He said the Cancun North-South Summit held last October "did not achieve real success. Though the meeting was good as an event in itself, the results were

He labelled the Kuwait meeting as "one of the most successful meetings held so far by the com-

"We reviewed the most urgent problems facing the world, particularly the development of agriculture, financing, and the soaring armament expenditures which last year reached \$560 billion in a world suffering from various economic mishaps," Mr. Brandt said. "If only a fraction of that amount were allocated for solving economic problem, we could have achieved marvellous results."

He said he was not optimistic about the future because the problems are complicated, "but this

meeting has been fruitful." He said the commission faced a two-fold task - working out short-term steps for alleviating the plight of developing nations and

U.S. ends anti-monopoly suits against ATT, IBM

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (R) — The U.S. government has ended years of litigation and settled anti-monopoly suits against two of the world's largest companies.

Yesterday's decisions involved American Telephone and Telegraph (ATT) and International Business Machines (IBM). One result is likely to be a doubling of local telephone rates for Americans, an ATT official told rep-

ATT announced at a press conference that it had agreed to the government's terms and was divesting itself of all its local telephone service companies.

In return, the telecommunications giant will be permitted to enter the lucrative computer and data processing fie-

A few hours later the justice department said it was dropping a

13-year suit against IBM, the computer giant, opening the way for intense competition between the two firms.

Assistant Attorney General William Baxter said it was sheer coincidence that the two suits were ended in one day.

Under the ATT settlement, the firm will retain control of its long-distance telephone network between cities, but there will be an end to the arrangement under which long-distance profits subsidised the cost of local telephone

For this reason, the cost of local calls is likely to double, according to an ATT official.

ATT officials said one reason the world's largest firm had agreed to the settlement was to avoid further court costs, which have already soared to \$360 million since the case began in 1974.

Manners maketh executive man

The rise and fall of John Spiller's hopes

By Robert Cottrell

It had been a bad day for John Spiller. As he sat in his office late into the gloomy Wednesday afternoon, stubbing out another cigarette into the brimming ashtray, he realised that it could hardly have been

His hopes of promotion, raised so high that morning, were dashed. He might even have put his present job at risk. How had it happened? Was there anything he could have done to prevent the seemingly inexorable train of events? Slowly, through the gathering storm of monstrous headache, he began to recollect the events of

only a few hours before. Brian Stable, the main board director responsible for John's department, corporate planning, had indicated that there were changes afoot. There was, he hinted. the prospect of a senior vacancy in consideration. Would he, therefore, care to join Brian and Ted Strong, the group managing director, for lunch that day?

John certainly would. "I may be back a little late," he had told his secretary as 12.30 approached, "I have been asked to lunch with the group managing director." He saw the girl raise her eyes appreciatively. That, in retrospect, had been the best moment in the whole damned business.

The traffic was busier than John had anticipated, and by the time he reached the restaurant at which they had agreed to lunch, he was the New Year — perhaps even at deputy head level — and, naturally, John's was a name under logy when Brian interrupted.

"Not to worry, John," he soothed, "I took the liberty of ordering while we were waiting for you.' John nodded appreciatively, and they sat down.

The first course had already been set on the table. John recognised what it was - artichokes - but realised that he had never eaten one before. Just as he was wondering how to eat it, the waiter arrived with the wine - bottle in one hand, ice-bucket in the other. You want to try it, sir?" he asked. Ted looked up, and waved his hand briefly — "John, would you?" he suggested. The waiter

poured a little into John's glass. To be frank, thought John, it tasted pretty foul. But Ted had ordered, and he should know what he was doing. "Fine," he said thoughtfully and watched the glasses being filled around the table.

By now, Brian had begun to talk about portfolio mix and technology windows, and the sort of man they needed as development number two over the next four or five years. John was agreeing, managing to make a few of the points which he had worked out in the morning, and still thinking about the defiant artichoke.

No, they were looking for somebody with self-assurance to handle a difficult job, and he didn't want to advertise a stram of uncertainty. He decided to watch Ted.

The first thing he noticed was a look of anguish on Ted's face as he drank the wine which John had approved. "Funny sort of year," said John, making a stab in the dark, "always interesting." Ted nodded, and plucked a leaf off the bulbous mass on the plate in front of him. John did the same. Then Ted paused, leaf-in-hand, to talk. John, caught off balance, did the obvious thing. He put the leaf into his mouth, and started to chew.

Ted stopped in mid-sentence, and looked interestedly at John. "You are evidently.... fond of artichokes, are you?" he asked. "I don't like to go much beyond the tip myself." John chewed energetically away at the gritty fibre and, with an effort of will, swallowed it. "Lovely," he said with a gulp, "best bit of it, never eat them

any other way.' And having said that, John managed, to the ill-concealed amazement of his companions, to much his way as best he could through a dozen more leaves until he could munch no more. He watched enviously as Brian and Ted went through their delicate rou-

tine of pick, dip, nibble, discard. Having had a couple more glasses of wine by this stage, John was finding it a little difficult to follow quite what Ted was saying -- though he gathered it was something to do with a wider U.K. earnings base for relieving ACT when the Pynch Flats profits really started coming through. He decided to concentrate on the food and let them do the talking.

That in itself was not a bad scheme, but when the next course arrived his feelings could scarcely be described as anything less than consternation. "Old favourite of mine," said Brian, "though it's not something they usually do. Hope you like it." "Oh, yes, of course," said John, feeling his way carefully, "unusual but very refreshing for lunch."

John worked it out gradually. He had a small plate of pancakes. some meat of indeterminate variety, and a dish of plum jam. Was it a sequence? Should the jam be poured on to the meat? Or the meat dipped in the jam - if it was iam - or the meat first and then the pancakes and the jam for a sort

Fortunately, Brian came to the rescue with a masterly dem-

Should he ask for their advice? onstration of the whole business. It was a sort of do-it-yourself meat swiss roll. John's first attempt was not quite so successful. In fact, not to put too strong a point on it, a piece of the pancake ended up in his mouth, the jam all over his trousers and a number of pieces of meat over Brian's suit.

"Can happen all too easily with Peking duck," said Brian, though not quite so cheerfully as the words might suggest. John tried again. This time, the errant food went no further than his own lapels. Some of it, in fact, did not go far enough. A distinctly bony object was stuck in John's throat.

He swallowed hard. It felt as if an angry dwarf was trying to hack its way through his throat armed with a pair of ballpoint pens. Now he was choking, tears streaming down his cheeks, face bright, red. pointing to his throat....

Brian hit him on the back, the bone came hurtling out with the help of a vigorous cough, the waiter cleared up the mess with fairly good grace, and John gulped at a glass of wine.

And that, John reflected later, was it really. His brilliant ploy of squirting juice into Brian's eye while trying to peel an orange was a mere postscript as was his eating of a nut with its shell still on. The pain of the latter venture still lin-

He hadn't even realised how drunk he was until he got out into the street. The promotion was a lost dream, the meal a nightmare. He had a hangover. Could it have been worse? OUR VIEW: Could it have

been worse? Well, probably. Brian and Ted had toyed that morning with a number of possible menus, including cornon-the-cob, snails, oysters, grouse, spaghetti, plum pie and mussels. John had got off pretty lightly - though persuading the restaurant to leave the odd bone or two in his duck was a dirty trick. Still, Brian and Ted reasoned.

they were interested in him as a forward planner. They quite liked his style with the artichoke, and the orange didn't bother them terribly. He might even have left the table with his job prospects intact. had he not become so drunk.

It is, in short, no use being a dab-hand with a knife in the back if you cannot also use it with equal dexterity at table.

- Financial Times news feature ing or dead is unintended and purely coincidental.)

ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

U.S. recession may come to an end?-

world economic order, where

large parts of the world suffer

from severe need while other parts

"If we want to ensure dev-

elopment for the two parties, dev-

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without the West resorting to its

obsolete imperialist criteria, the

industrialised nations must know

that the sole way for overcoming

stagnation is through economic

recovery of developing cou-

world's economic problem. Ind-ustrialised nations should be more

aware of this than anyone else

because traditional marginal sol-

utions no longer solve their pro-

Mr. Brandt said that the Kuwait

meeting decided that the arm-

:ament subcommittee headed by

Olof Palme will hold a meeting

next month, with the venue yet to

mission will be issuing a new rep-

ort on how the world's current

economic problems should be

He also disclosed that the com-

"This is the solution for the

ntries," Mr. Brandt said.

blems," he added.

be decided.

possess unused resources."

NEW YORK, Jan. 9 (R) - A leading American bank said yesterday that the recession in the United States may be coming to an end. In its latest monthly survey, Morgan Guaranty Trust said that even though the evidence was sketchy, the holiday season was not the disaster for the country's shops and retail trade that had been ant-

· It also pointed to several economic statistics, such as the number of new houses under construction, which suggest the decline in economic activity was being arrested.

The survey was written before yesterday's news that unemployment in December rose 8.9 per cent with nearly 9.5 million Americans out of work. But the bank's economists said the figure still did not alter their outlook.

The Morgan economists forecast economic growth (gross national product) would show a 3.3 per cent annual rise in the second quarter this year after declining at an expected 0.5 per cent rate in the first quarter and at 5.3 per cent in the last quarter of 1981.

Gulf countries reported freezing projects in France

KUWAIT, Jan. 9 (A.P.) — A Kuwaiti newspaper said today that some Gulf countries have frozen industrial projects underway with France because of the French government's current Middle East

Al Rai Al Am, which attributed its report to reliable sources, gave

02:00

no details on the projects said to have been frozen.

It said Gulf states were in contact with other Arab countries with a view to-taking further steps and that a unified Arab stand against France will be discussed at a forthcoming Arab foreign ministers

Arab countries have protested recent statements by French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson to the effect that the Arabs should find a Middle Eastern solution by themselves without any European intervention.

The statements led to cancellation of scheduled trips last week by Mr. Cheysson to a number of Gulf countries.

Chinese economic delegation visits Nepal

KATMANDU, Nepal, Jan. 9 (A.P.) — A nine-member Chinese economic delegation led by minister for communications, Peng Deqing, arrived here today on a week-long visit to the Himalayan kingdom at the invitation of the Nepalese government.

The delegation was received at the airport by Nepal's finance minister Dr. Yadav Prashad Pant.

Mr. Peng told reporters that China and Nepal have been "friendly neighbouring countries from time immemorial. Our peoples have been closely linked together by exchanges in economy, trade and

During their weeklong visit, the Chinese delegation is also scheduled to participate in the opening ceremony of a 61-kilometre long Narayangarh-Gorkha highway built with Chinese aid in mid-west Nepal. Nepalese Prime Minister Surya Bahadur Thapa is formally inaugurating the newly built highway, which cost about \$26 million. on Monday.

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VOICE OF AMERICA

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Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5 p.m. Year-round, Tel. 51760 Popular Life of Jordan Museum:

100 to 150 year old items such as costumes, weapons, musical instruments, etc. Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. closed Tuesdays.

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Former winners face mixed fortunes in European Soccer Championship draw

PARIS, Jan. 9 (R) - The five former winners of the European Soccer Championship met with mixed fortunes when the preliminary group draw for the 1984 tournament to be staged in France

was made yesterday.

Holders West Germany, who also won the title in 1972, look to have a fairly straightforward assignment in group six against long-time rivals Austria, Albania, Nor-

thern Ireland and Turkey. Fellow World Cup qualifiers Austria and Northern Ireland will be the main threats to their hopes of a third triumph in four att-

empts. But West Germany, who won the 1980 championship in Italy by beating Belgium 2-1 in the final, beat Austria twice when they were paired in the same World Cup qualifying section.

China, New Zealand clash for last World Cup berth

SINGAPORE, Jan. 9 (R) -China and New Zealand face the biggest test of their chequered

derella sides into an unainternational stage.

That left New Zealand needing to win their final game by five goals to go level with the Chinese on goal difference.

To everyone's surprise--and China's dismay--the New Zealanders did just that when they thrashed Saudi Arabia 5-0 in Riy-

A last minute threat to the match was averted when New Zealand agreed to play under protest because the team was not allowed to train at the match ground. New Zealand manager John Adshead had earlier threatened to

the Jordan Times.

required day of publication.

Unlike the World Cup, only the seven group winners will join France, automatic qualifiers as the host nation, in the final stages and three former European champions can expect testing campaigns when the ties are played between August 1 this year and Dec. 31, 1982.

The two matches between Italy, the 1968 champions, and Czechoslovakia, the 1976 titlewinners, should ultimately decide the outcome of group five, leaving Romania, Sweden and Cyprus to fight for the lesser placings.

The Czechoslovaks can consider themselves somewhat unfortenate not to have been seeded into an easier section after filling third place in 1980.

fronically. Italy were their opponents in the third-place play-off, the Czechoslovaks winning a mar-

seek a postponement of the game saying his team had the right to

train at the ground, which had

been reserved for the day for a

Another problem for the Kiwis

With Turner out of the rec-

Muslim religious celebration.

inst Saudi Arabia.

soccer histories when they play off here tomorrow for one of sport's most glittering prizes, a place in the World Cup finals.

Victory will clinch the last of the 24 berths in Spain this summer, a second caution in the game agacatapulting one of these Cinkoning, New Zealand will be pinccustomed spot in the centre of the

ning their hopes on 18-year-old China must have thought they Winton Rufer, who plays for English second division side Norwich had booked their ticket to Madrid with group winners Kuwait when they completed their Asia-Oceania zone programme with

Neither camp has yet announced the teams which will run out before a capacity 60,000 seven points from their six games. crowd, most of them ethnic Chinese who are expected to cheer the visitors from Peking.

This does not, however, worry the Kiwis who claim that hostile crowds in past matches have served only to lift the players and sharpen their edge.

On past form New Zealand seem to have the edge. They held China to a goalless draw in Peking and notched up a 1-0 win in Auckland during the group matches.

They also look the stronger of the two sides and have not hesitated in turning greater muscle power to their advantage.

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athon penalty shoot-out 9-8 after

the teams had drawn 1-1. Spain, winners back in 1964 and World Cup hosts later this year. can expect a two-pronged chalienge from Ireland and the Netherlands in group seven which is

completed by Iceland and Malta. The Dutch, with no interest in the 1982 World Cup, will be eager to repair their dented reputation while the Irish, one of the most exciting sides in the continent, are still improving.

The Soviet Union, winners of the first European championship in 1960, will be not favourites to top group two, although they can expect a battle royal when they travel to Poland. The other two sides in the section are Portugal

and Finland. England, mysteriously seeded in group three although a third place in 1968 is their best effort. enjoyed another large slice of good luck when they were drawn in group three with Hungary, Greece, Luxembourg and Denmark.

A programme which inspired Irish manager Eoin Hand to say: "Good Lord, don't talk about the famous luck of the Irish, talk about the luck of the English. I'd give my right leg for their group."

England's only serious threat the loss of star striker Brian would appear to be Hungary, who Turner, suspended after collecting were also their rivals in the World

Luxembourg will be hoping their home tie with England is trouble-free because they had threatened never to play the English again after visiting fans went on the rampage in 1977.

Eliane Cremgna, the Luxembourg secretary said prior to the draw that his country would probably 'forget' the incident as it was five years ago. Group one should be the most

competitive with Belgium, Scotland, East Germany and Switzerland all capable of emerging triumphant.

Scotland manager Jock Stein said: "It's extremely tough but we have not done anything in the European championship to give us any standing, so we can't com-

Yugoslavia, one of the dark horses for the World Cup, should have few problems in group four against Wales, Bulgaria and Nor-

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U.S. basketball roundup

Bizarre win for Atlanta Hawks

NEW YORK, Jan. 9 (A.P.) - The last play of the game wasn't in the Atlanta Hawks' playbook--but coach Kevin Loughery will take it anyway. "Obviously," he said jokingly, "The play was run

for Harvey Catchings all the way." Catchings' face was almost as red as the Hawks' uniform last night when the Milwaukee Bucks' reserve centre inadvertently tipped in a long Atlanta pass for the basket that gave Loughery's team a bizarre 90-88 National Basketball Association

(NBA) victory. "Actually, Harvey did a good job." added Loughery." He did what he was supposed to do. He's an intelligent player. You could run that play over and over and it probably wouldn't happen that way very often. We were lucky."

The freak play occurred after Atlanta's Tree Rollins rebounded a missed shot by the Bucks' Sidney Moncrief, and the Hawks called time out with two seconds to play and the score tied at 88.

Tom McMillen lobbed an inbounds pass from centre court toward the Bucks' own basket. Catchings tipped the ball into the basket amid a flurry of hands reaching for the ball. The basket was credited to Dan Roundfield, who was the closest Atlanta player to the ball.

"I was open, going to the basket on a back pick." said Roundfield, "and Harvey came up to the basket and caught the ball. I don't know where he came from, but Harvey was the only one who touched it. You'd have to ask Harvey, but it looked like he went up through the hoop, caught the ball and came back down through the hoop with the ball."

Catchings wasn't around later to explain the play. He stormed out of the Bucks' locker room moments after the game and left the arena without talking to reporters.

In other NBA action, it was Boston 96-Philadelphia 90, New Jersey 110-Cleveland 100, Chicago 119-Los Angeles 113, Utah 108-Indiana 102 and Denver 124-Portland 121.

The Hawks led 86-79 with 3:23 to play before the Bucks rallied with nine straight points to lead 88-86 when Margues Johnson made one of two free throws with 35 seconds left. Atlanta's John Drew was fouled by Bob Lanier on the Hawks' next possession and sank two foul shots to tie it at 88 with 26 seconds left.

Celtics 96-76ers 90

Larry Bird and Gerald Henderson combined for 17 points to spark a fourth-quarter attack that led

World Cup trophy arrives in Spain

fifth loss in 16 road games.

Boston over Philadelphia. The victory moved Bos-

ton to within a half game of the first-place 76ers in

With Boston leading 75-74 with 8:47 left in the

game. Bird hit a jumper to launch a 15-4 spurt that

put the Celtics ahead 90-78 with 4:48 to go. Bird

and Henderson both scored six points in the Upr-

points in the fourth quarter and finished with 12.

Henderson scored all nine of his points in the final

Nets 110-Cavaliers 100

Clarence "Foots" Walker and Ray Williams sco-

red 18 points each to lead New Jersey over Cle-

veland and hand the Cavaliers their sixth straight

The nets trailed most of the way until they tied

the game at 79 on a pair of free throws by Walker

and another by Buck Williams with 44 seconds left

in the third period. Darwin Cook added two more

The Nets went on to a 10-4 raily that streetched

the lead to 91-8 with 8:41 to play. New Jersey

weathered a late 10-2 Cleveland spree, ignited by

Ron Brewer, that narrowed the Nets' lead to 105-

100 with 56 seconds remaining. Brewer had a

Bulls 119, Lakers 113

Artis Gilmore chalked up a season-high 31 poi-

The Lakers rallied in the see-saw game to regain

the lead with 9:51 left with two free throws by Mike

Cooper, but the Bulls then outscored Los Angeles

11-4 over a 3:12 span. Late in the quarter, Los

Angeles mounted a rally and came to within six at

116-110 on a pair of free throws by Kareem

Abdul-Jabbar, but could not make up the deficit.

Angeles suffered its second loss in a row and only its

The Bull's win was their third in a row, while Los

nts and Ronnie Lester added 22 to lift Chicago over

foul shots to give the Nets the lead.

game-high 27 points.

Bird broke out of a shooting slump with eight

the Atlantic Division.

MADRID, Jan. 9 (R) - The solid gold World Soccer Cup was flown here today amid stringent security measures and immediately taken to the vaults of the Bank of Spain.

A police helicopter hovered above the armoured van which carried the \$3.5 m trophy into central Madrid.

An Argentine airliner flying it from Buenos Aires made a stopover in Las Palmas and waited for thick fog to clear at Madrid's Barajas airport. It landed here over four hours late.

The trophy, the work of 56-year old Italian sculptor Silvio Gazamiga, will briefly leave the Bank of Spain on January 16 to be put Cup guarded by an insurance on display at the draw at the hea- company.

dquarters of the World Cup organising committee, in the Madrid Congress and Exhibition Palace.

Committee sources said it would be taken back to the Bank vaults after the draw until July 11. when King Juan Carlos will hand it over to the 1982 winners.

earlier plans to have the World position playoff today.

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Eng. Mohammad Shahid Ismail Director General

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN

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Only a fool would deny that two chances are better than one. So why do so many declarers insist on putting all their eggs in one basket?

South's two no trump response was classic—a balanced hand of opening hid strength and stoppers in the unbid suits. North had something in each suit, so he chose to rebid three no trump rather than probe for a suit game.

Since he was looking at an entryless hand, West elected to lead from a short suit rather than attack with a diamond. That was a fortunate choice, and he did even better when he selected a heart

rather than a club for his opening lead. Declarer covered the jack of hearts with the queen to guarantee himself two tricks in the suit and captured East's king with the acc.

The opening lead did nothing to reveal which defender held the long hearts. Il it was West, declarer needed first to drive out the ace of clubs -- the spade finesse could later be taken safely into East's hand. But if East held the long hearts, it seemed that declarer would have to guess in which suit he had the entry.

Closer study, however. revealed that declarer could combine his chances in the black suits. At trick two, he crossed to the king of spades and led a low club from the table. If East rose with the ace, declarer would have three tricks in the suit and the spade finesse would become unnecessary. So he played low and the queen of clubs won.

With a club trick in the bag, declarer shifted his attention to spades. He led a spade and covered West's eight with dummy's nine-a thoughtful play to allow declarer to bring in the suit if West started with four spades to the queen. East won and cleared hearts, but declarer had his nine tricks.

What if West wins the queen of clubs with the ace and clears hearts? Declarer would still have two chances. First, he could try for a 3-3 club break and, if that failed, he would still have the spade finesse in reserve.

India, Soviet Union assured of place in next World Hockey Cup land, Spain, Poland, Malaysia,

BOMBAY, Jan. 9 (R) - India and the Soviet Union assured themselves of berths in the next World Hockey Cup after str-They said authorities dropped uggling to one-goal wins in the

India fought back from a twogoal halftime deficit to beat New Zealand 3-2 while the Soviet Union defeated Poland 1-0, thanks to a last-minute winner.

Today's winners will play off for fifth place on Monday but whatever the outcome both will gain automatic entry into the next toumament for finishing in the top

The four semifinalists. Pakistan and the Netherlands, and Australia and West Germany, who meet tomorrow, have also secured places in the next World Cup.

But the remaining teams, Eng-

liminary rounds. India, still smarting from their failure to qualify for the last four. only found their true form after

New Zealand and Argentina, will

have to qualify through the pre-

the interval when defender Rajender Singh converted three penalty corners. New Zealand had led at hal-

ftime with goals from Rumesli Patel and Grant McLeod. In the playoff for the lower pla-

cings. England beat Argentina 1-1 with a Neil Francis goal in the 40th minute, and Malaysia beat Spain The Malaysians, seeking their

first win in the tournament, raced into a four-goal lead before Miguel Bordas spared Spain's blushes with two late penalty corners.

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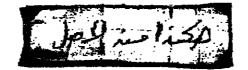
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FEATURES

German video boom

By Robert Woodward Reuters

BONN — Soft lighting, rock music and potted plants are rapidly changing the image of West Germany's video games.

More than 15 million West Germans annually include in games such as "battle zone" and "asteroids" and entrepreneurs have not been slow in recognising a growth market.

The introduction of video games to "amusement halls" in the late-1970s attracted a reservoir of clients who had previously considered such places as sleazy dens frequented by layabouts from the rough side of

Playing interest had previously centred on pinball machines which require some skill and more luck in keeping a metal ball in play between several electricallycharged bumpers with the aid of two small manually-operated arms or flippers.

The game, based on 19th century bagatelle, was gradually refined after the introduction of electrical operations in the 1950s until the new generation of machines, totally controlled by electrical impulses, were developed by out-of-work U.S. space programme technicians in the mid-1970s.

These machines increased the skill element and the arrival of video games at the end of the decade found an audience of both young and old, eager for more testing problems.

The number of video games soared to 25,000 last year from 5,800 in 1979 and West German hall owners expect takings from

Unscramble these four Jumbles,

one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

UGSIE

THOOB

SATHAG

NECKAR

to children under 18 but video games are to be found outside cin-

million) earned in 1980. Paul Gausemann, from the tiny village of Espelkamp in north Rhine Westphalia, was the first West German to spot the financial potential of pinball machines and video games. He opened his first "spielothek" in 1971.

them to continue climbing sharply

from the 500 million marks (\$220

Today he owns 87 halls, out of a total 3,500 in West Germany, which are expected to yield him 400 million marks (\$175 million)

"People come first and foremost to work off energy, to relax... the games involve individual action which is not the case in the cinema for example" Mr. Gausemann says.

Most Video games provide about two minutes enjoyment and pinball games about five minutes for a one mark (50 U.S. cents) coin, although last year two young Germans from the state of Hessen continued playing pinball for 227 hours and 10 minutes.

Exhausted players can retire to the Spielothek's bar for a coffee or something stronger, and owners say this tavern-like atmosphere is attracting increasing numbers of doctors, journalists and bus-

inessmen between appointments. Researchers say the halls are useful as meeting points for groups of foreign workers and places of possible contact for those playing alone who make up half of all entering the centres.

MHAT THE TALKATIVE BUTCHER'S "SPECIAL" OBVIOUSLY WAS.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henril Arnold and Bob Lee He said his group spent four years "developing the proper conditions" to remove the sugar molecule from the type B cell.

After animal studies proved successful, he said three human volunteers representing blood types A, B and O were injected with the converted cells.

THE BETTER HALF.

The enjoyment of pitting one's The tendency of video games to skill reflexes and dexterity against simulate activities such as shoothers tends to remove barriers of oting down aircraft and bombing age, race and occupation, they say. towns has caused concern about although women do not show their possible effect on young, much interest in the games. impressionable minds. Entry to the centres is forbidden

emas, at stations and in airports

while home versions are freely

Coffee beans

blood types

CHICAGO, - (A.P.) - Sho-

rtages of type O blood cells may be

alleviated by producing it from the

type B with use of a coffee-bean

Researchers using the coffee-

bean enzyme alpha galactosidase

have removed a sugar molecule

from the surface of the type B

cells, making them into type O'

blood, Dr. Jack Goldstein, head of

the cell biochemistry laboratory of

the New York Blood Centre, said

in a recent issue of a Journal of the

American Medical Association.

Type O blood can be mixed with

Dr. Goldstein, an associate pro-

fessor of biochemistry at Comell

University Medical School, first

reported results of the exp-

eriments to the American Ass-

ociation of Blood Banks meeting.

in Chicago last November and

detailed the report in the journal's

Similar studies were made in the

1950s, he said, but the type B cells

were damaged and their met-

abolism was impaired, Dr. Gol-

any blood type.

current issue.

dstein said.

enzyme, new research shows.

available in shops.

to change

One child, when asked what video game he was playing, replied animatedly, "we're playing Vietnam -- it's really great fun."

Another game involves destroying military and civilian vehicles which cross the screen to the realistic sound of battle, although the blowing up of ambulances is discouraged by the subtraction of

Munich City authorities threatened the owner of a centre with a heavy fine last year if he did not remove its "war game machines" at once and an investigation was subsequently launched into the effects of the games by an eminent professor of criminology.

But Prof. Armand Mergen said children were subjected to worse and more vivid examples of violence on television, and that sport and play are inconceivable without a degree of aggression.

He concluded that players, were fully aware they were only playing at war and the games were merely an amusing excuse to test their abilities and skill, against others?

The question of whether the machines are in good taste is a different matter, he said, but for many players it was a cathartic experience to escape into the games' world of make-believe from the grim reality outside.

But public opinion appears to be opposed to the continued existence of the games and many would agree with the mother of West Germany's most famous poet, Johann Wolfgang Goethe, after he asked for a toy guillotine as a Christmas present in 1793 -at the age of 44.

"To let young people play with something so abominable -- to put murder and the spilling of blood into their hands as a pastime -- no good will come of it" she said.

By Vinson

rolled into one

All old horses



Juergen Goertz with his "Musengaul"

DARMSTADT (INP) - Sculptor Juergen Goertz, a resident of Karlsruhe, has created a work that is still looking for a home. Goertz, born in 1939, put together what he describes as a "Musengaul", a nag of the muses, which reaches six metres into the sky. Currently standing outside the Kunsthalle of Darmstadt, it consists of giant hooves made of bronze, three less and body structure made of wood, a belly made of copper tubing which can accommodate twelve people, and a classically molded bead of aluminium. The tail, by comparison, consists of a huge whisk broom with bronze bristles. Goertz, in no rush to ponder its significance, simply named the stallion and left it at that. It evokes visions of the Greek myths, of Pegasus, the winged spurring the imagination of many a poet, and of the Troian Horse, whose innards con-

tained the Greek soldiers who brought about the downfall of Troy. Although Goertz figures among the best-known albeit also most controversial sculptors in Germany, this latest creation has already taken its toll in upsets and confusion. It was rejected as an entry in a contest of outdoor sculptures arranged by the Karlstube Theatre. Thereupon, the state of Baden-Wuerttemberg and the Lotto Corporation entered the scene as patrons, paid for the "steed", and presented it to the city of Karlsruhe, However, the city fathers of Karlsruhe have yet to find a suitable place for it. Thus, for the time being, the "Musengaul" remains outside the Darmstadt Kunsthalle. inviting people desiring poetic inspiration into its belly. It also draws attention to an exhibition sthalle, one that includes many another fabrious animal

Charlemagne's plan to link two rivers

By Colin Narbrough

BONN — Charlemagne's dream of linking the Rhine and the Danube -- so close to coming true -may have to wait another century.

the Tower of Babel" is how West German Minister of Transport Volker Hauff recently dubbed the

Other opponents warn that completion of the waterway will "ecological disaster" in the idyllic Altmuchi Valley, one of Germany's few areas of unspoiled

The plan, dating back to the 1920s, is to connect the upper reaches of the River Main, a Rhine tributary, to the Danube just above Regensburg. Only a 36kilometre stretch remains to be built of 170-kilometre canal.

This would marry the vast waterway networks of the Rhine and Danube river basins and allow "Eurobarges", the standard vessels of Europe's canals, to ply between the North Sea and the Black

Fears that the canal will open the Rhine and Western European waterways to an influx of cut-rate barge operators from Soviet bloc countries along the Danube appear unfounded

Kurt Gosen, a spokesman for the German inland shipping association, sees no real problem in restricting the operations of Eastern European vessels.

"International treaties regulate the use of the Rhine and the Danube, but legal experts are con-vinced that access to the connecting waterway can be limited by German law", he says. The Bonn government's opp-

osition to the canal stems from its commitment to a transport policy that gives railways top priority and its desire to urgently cut public spending. It provides two third of the funds for the project. Furthermore, Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's left-liberal cabinet

seeks at all cost to avoid fresh clashes with the environmentalists. whose growing politic; clout worries the coalition. The coalition is already engaged

hanging — Califor-

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in damaging clashes with the eco-

"The most stupid project since logists over nuclear power and ... additional runway at Frankfurt airport. A new conflict over 2 canal of questioned importance would not be welcome.

The land-locked federal state co Bavaria, through which the cara: would run, is the canal's staunchest defender.

Bulk goods, like coal and iroore, can be transported economically by water and Bavarian industry has felt that its lack o. access to the Rhine has been a disadvantage.

Frank Josef Strauss, the Bayarian state premier, one of Chancellor Schmidt's harshest critics. has repeatedly attacked Bonn' growing reluctance and remindes. the government of its formal accord with Bayaria to construct to

The company building the cann! argues that to call off the project. now would make nonsense of the massive investment made so far The cost of maintaining hadfinished sections alone would consume large amounts of public funds.

Finishing it will cost about our billion marks \$450 million) by the original 1985 deadline are completion was abandoned lon;

Few people involved in the scheme, are prepared to forecast when, or if, the two rivers will it: coupled. But Toni Mayer, leacer of an anti-canal group, anticipate? holding it up well into the neri

Advocates of the canal stressthat, besides improving West Germany's infrastructure, it will generate electricity and feed spill-over water from the Danu'r: to draught-prone regions.

King Ludwig the First of Bayaria built a narrow Danube-Main canal last century, only to see it overtaken by the railway. Revinants can still be seen alongsidthe new 55-metre wide supercanal, which may meet a premature end too.

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Print answer here:

Jumbles: CRAFT TULLE FABRIC HAPPEN

Answer: "What was the name of the girl we found in the bar?"—"BERTHA"



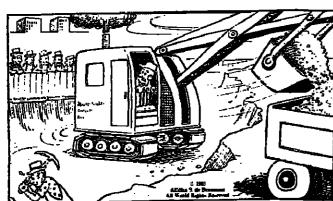


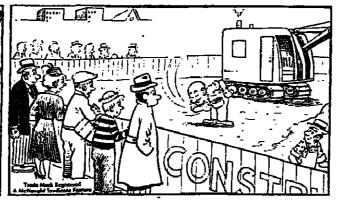


"I wish she'd stop using her right to free speech and

use her right to remain silent!"

Mutt 'n' Jeff





Andy Capp

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FORECAST FOR SUNDAY, JAN. 10, 1982

YOUR DAILY from the Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A day to renew your devotion to the principles and precepts which you have accepted and live under for they can be even more satisfactory to you in the days sheed.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Study your position in the community and try to improve it. Show your benefactors that you appreciate their support. TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Get out to whatever place

that will bring you peace of mind. Make plans for the week ahead so that it becomes more productive. GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Try to keep promises to

others and plan for greater things in the future. Express happiness with family and friends. MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) A fine day to be of assistance to others in need. Situations arise now

that could lead to self-improvement. LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) A good day to be of service to others wherever needed, even if you're not asked to do so.

Avoid one who wants to waste your time. VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Figure out a better way to express your creative talents. Schedule your activities for

the new week and expect good results. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Make any changes needed at home so that everything is more ideal. Show increased devotion for family members.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You are able to communicate with others very well now, so contact key people and get excellent results. Be wise. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) A good time to

make plans to have more abundance in the days ahead. Strive to have increased harmony at home. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) The early hours are fine for making important decisions about the future.

Catch up on your rest today. AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Make sure you get in touch with friends who are looking forward in seeing you.

Keep any promises you have made. PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Handle civic duties that appeal to you and gain more prestige. Plan the week

ahead wisely and receive added benefits. IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TO DAY ... he or she will be one who can understand the practical phases of any situation, so be sure to give good spiritual and ethical training for best results in lifetime. An outstanding sports

leader in this chart. "The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

THE Daily Crossword By Fran Ragus

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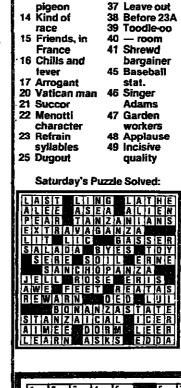
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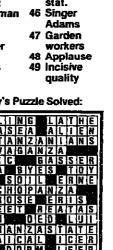
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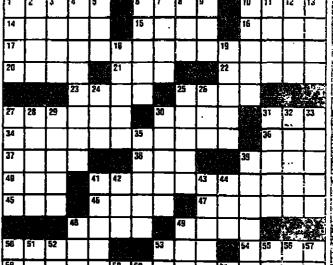
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WORLD

LOT to resume flights, universities reopen

Poland signals normalisation

VIENNA, Jan. 9 (R) - After nearly a month of martial law. Poland showed further signs of normalisation today with the announcement of resumed intemational flights and the partial responding of universities.

The official news agency PAP said international flights by the national airline LOT would resume on Monday to East and West Europe, Canada and the Middle East.

Flights were suspended after the military took over Poland and imposed martial law in the face of a growing independent trade union movement on Dec. 13.

PAP also reported that the University of Warsaw and universities and colleges in other towns reopened today for certain courses such as post-graduate studies and evening classes.

Initially, about 9.500 students were resuming studies at Warsaw University, PAP said. It quoted its correspondents around the country as saying some classes were starting up in Cracow, Poznan, Katowice, Gdansk and Bialystok,

The campuses, seen by the authorities as a possible hotbed of opposition to martial law, were closed down after the military takeover.

in a further indication that oppesition to martial law continues in Poland, Warsaw Radio carried a repair on a meeting of the provincial branch of the Communist Party in Radom, south of the capital, at which "it was also stated that the political enemy has not order," the radio said, adding that given up his activities."

For example, four days ago the police in Radom uncovered an illegal group and confiscated from them 4,500 leaflets directed against the authorities and law and

Warsaw lifts press censoring

WARSAW, Jan. 9 (A.P) — Polish authorities today lifted censorship of foreign correspondents' reports from Poland 22 days after it was imposed following the declaration of martial law Dec. 13.

Officials at the foreign press centre said correspondents accredited in Warsaw could now file stories only through the telex at the press centre, but that copy would be sent without lengthy waits for the approval or disapproval of the censor.

There was no word if communications for Western news agencies and newspapers would be opened soon.

Residents in Warsaw expected telephone links within the capital and in other major cities to be restored tomorrow. Telephone links between the main cities also were expected to be restored.

Polish authorities cut all telephone and telex links between cities in Poland and with the outside world after martial law was

Ex-soldier clears conscience of 36-year-old murder secret

DONCASTER, England, Jan. 9 (A.P.) — When he was a boy of eight, William Phipps watched his father strangle a woman to death. His mother swore him to secrecy as she washed out his father's blopostained ciothes.

Phipps kept the secret for nearly 30 vects.

On Friday, the former British soidier, now 44, walked into the police station of this northern England city and described the unselved murder of a young waitress in 1946.

"Until my mother's death I could not say anything," Phipps Daily Telegraph newspaper. His mether died in 1980.

Phipps, a retired security guard who served in the Royal Artillery for 23 years and now lives in nearby Epworth, told police he witnessed the murder of Lilian Miller, a 20-year-old war bride and mother of a one-year-old boy, in Canterbury, Kent, about 90 kilometres southeast of London.

Mrs. Miller was sexually assautted and strangled to death while walking home from a dance. Phipp's father, Ernest, a railway porter who died in 1963, was interviewed by police at the time but escaped detection. Doncaster pol-

ice said. "I was only eight and I was plaving about in a wood yard. I heard someone coming and I hid in a secret camp some of us had made." Phipps was quoted in the newspaper as saying.

"I saw my father come through the entrance to the yard with a woman and I saw him kill her. I knew she was dead.

"I went home and did not tell anyone. My father was a drunken, violent man, and I was afraid of him. My mother knew what he had done because he came home with bloodstains on his clothes and she helped to clean them up...

"She made me promise not to say anything to anyone, and I never did.

Poloice here contacted the Kent police department, which sent officers to Doncaster to take a statement from Phipps.

Kent Detective Chief Superintendent Alan Parket said, Inquiries are continuing and until they are completed we cannot be certain whether the file will be finally closed or if any other action will be taken."

Phipps' mother, Anne-Laura, lived on in Canterbury until her death. Phipps said that after his mother's death he finally decided to unburdern his conscience.

"I still have terrible nightmares about what I saw," Phipps was quoted as saying. "But I hope now that Mrs. Miller can rest in peace."

the group would be tried. The radio said two members of the national central committee of the Communist Party attended the Radom meeting, explaining: "The participation by representatives of the central committee in provincial party meetings was in preparation for the forthcoming seventh plenum of the party central committee."

In a separate broadcast, Warsaw Radio said 21 people would be charged in the northern port of Szczecin in connection with the theft of petrol worth five million zloty (\$62,500).

Turkey rejects comparison

ANKARA. Jan. 9 (R) — Turkish Foreign Minister Ilter Turkmen today rejected any suggestion that the Polish situation was similar to that in Turkey, where the military has been in power since ousting the elected government 16 months ago.

Mr. Turkmen curtly told a reporter at a press conference that there were no similarities. He was leaving for Brussels to confer with other NATO foreign ministers on the Polish crisis.

Mr. Turkmen referred to an earlier statement to the independent newspaper Milliyet that "what is observed in Poland is not a development towards a parliamentary democracy (as in Turkey), but outside interference, or interference directed from outside. to prevent the softening of the present regime."

The generals who took over in Turkey in September, 1980 acted to end years of political violence in which more than 3,000 people were killed. They have mapped out a rough timetable to restore democracy by early 1984 at the

Western diplomatic sources here said a comparison between Poland and Turkey had been made in some European quarters based on the crackdown on trade unionists in both countries.



Naples Mafia slays carabiniere

The body of Luigi D'Alessio, a carabiniere official, lies in a pool of blood Friday night after he was shot to death in an ambush by Camorra (Neapolitan Mafia) in the southern Italian town of Torre Annuziata, near Naples. A woman was also killed and two other persons remained in hospital seriously wounded in the shooting. (A.P. wirephoto)

Hoax calls frustrate cops in search for Gen. Dozier

TEMARO, Italy, Jan. 9 (Agencies) - Paramilitary police today drained an artificial lake near this small central Italian town in the latest futile attempt to locate what anonymous callers said would be the body of kidnapped U.S. Brig. Gen. James Dozier, abducted by the Red Brigades last month.

"Every crazy in Italy is on the line to us to put us off the track." an officer at the carabinieri headquarters here told the Associated Press in a telephone interview.

"We found nothing at all in the lake, but we have to check out the calls to please the politicians," said the officer, who asked not to be identified.

State Prosecutor Guido Papalia interviewed Gen. Dozier's wife, Judith, at her home in Verona today. Court officials were not available for comment on the meeting.

Anti-terrorist police in Rome, meanwhile, said that they had carried out a large-scale operation in the countryside near the capital and made several arrests. They did not elaborate.

Police have received dozens of false leads from anonymous callers claiming to represent the Red Brigades. Communiques from the terrorists say the general is being interrogated and put "on trial" by the Red Brigades.

Yesterday, a caller said Gen. Dozier's body was at the bottom of a reservoir near L'Aquila, in the mountains of central Italy, but police who rushed to the scene found no trace of him. Similar calls came in throughout last night, police said.

Speculation on detainee's identity

The Italian news agency ANSA, quoting informed sources, said that one of those arrested may have been Prof. Giovanni Senzani. who was linked by police to the kidnapping by the Red Brigades in 1980 of Judge Giovanni D'Urso.

A distinguished criminology professor until he went underground in December 1980. Mr. Senzani, 42, is widely considered to be one of the Brigades' leading strategists.

Before he was eventually released in January last year Mr. D'Urso was questioned by his kidnappers about his job in the justice ministry where he formulated policy on top-security prisons in which hundreds of urban guerrillas are held.

Nicosia denies Ankara charges of Greek buildup

NICOSIA, Jan. 9 (A.P.) — The Cyprus government spokesman today denied claims by the Turkish foreign minister that Greece has been sending troops and weapons to the war-divided island.

"The statement by the Turkish Foreign Minister Ilter Turkmen caused real surprise," the spokesman. Panos Ioannou told newsmen during his daily p. bri-

He was commenting on a sta-

tement by Mr. Turkmen earlier in the week in which the Turkish minister claimed Greece was creating tension in Cyprus "by piling men and weapons" in the island.

side and claims about the importation of weapons and the arrival of troops from Greece are untrue," Mr. Ioannou added.

.kmen's sta-He said tha: 🕠 tement "does not help toward the creation of the proper climate for the achievement of progress in the : talks." intercommun: the Greek The talks

and Turkish Carron communities have been going on intermittently since the Turkish invasion in 1974, and the continuing occupation of northern Cyprus split the island into two rival armed camps with the Turkish invasion force and Turkish Cypriot forces Any creation of tension does on one side and the conscript not emanate from activities by our Greek Cypriot National Guard commanded by regular Greek army officers, on the other.

The Cyprus government had charged earlier that Turkey itself has recently reinforced its estimated 25,000 occupation troops in northern Cyprus with more men and weapons, deploying these ...ng the heavily fortified green line" dividing the island from east to west.

Despite the countercharges by the two sides of an arms buildup, a statement by the United Nations peace force in Cyprus issued on Dec. 30 said the force" has no independent eviden æ to substantiate charges by either party of a buildup of military forces."

El Alcazar sceptical of British intentions

Spanish press reacts to Gibraltar decision

MADRID, Jan. 9 (R) — Although most Spanish newspapers hailed as sensible Prime Minister Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo's agreement to re-open the border with Gibraltar, an ultra-right daily said today that he had surrendered to British pressure.

El Alcazar, a newspaper widely read in military barracks, said: "Mr. Calvo Sotelo has regarded a mere pledge to start talks as sufficient argument to open the border on April 20, one more piedge among many systematically unfulfilled by the United Kingdom.

The independent newspaper El Pais said the blockade of Gibraltar by the late Gen, Franco in 1969 had been one of Spain's worst foreign policy decisions and had backfired.

The agreement to start talks and re-open the border "offers a" sensible alternative to the deadlock ..." it said.

Mr. Calvo Sotelo told a press conference in London yesterday Britian had agreed that Spaniards would be allowed to stay and work on Gibraltar and join trade unions, in exchange for re-opening the

El Pais said that, with the return of democracy. Spain was in a position to recover sovereignty over the Rock colony, but warned that it should not underestimate British obstinacy.

'The mere fact that the re-opening (of the border) was announced in London and not in Madrid should be a warning of the need not to start again on the wrong paths which have for centuries delayed a solution to the problem," it said.

Recovery of Gibraltar by Spain needs not only an agreement with Britian ... but also negotiations ensuring flexible self-government formulas for the historical inhabitants of the Rock," it added.

The pro-government daily Diario 16 said: "We know the alligators of the ultra-rightist press will talk of surrender and disgrace, forgetting that 12 years of uncompromising blockade have brought no more than hatred for Spain from some of the Gibraltarians."

The Catholic daily hailed the agreement as a new page in Anglo-Spanish relations, but warned that Britian had only shown good intentions so far.

Local authorities in the Spanish border region welcomed the decision to re-open the gate but called on the government to help them improve transport and accommodation to cope with a likely increase

The local newspaper Area said Foreign Minister Jose Pedro Perez Llorca had pledged to tour the region and review its problems before

Court hears police testimony in Atlanta black murders trial

ATLANTA, Jan. 9 (R) — A court here today heard of a loud splash and a car disappearing into the night at the trial of Wayne Williams, accused of murdering two of 28 young blacks killed in Atlanta over a two-year period.

Policeman Robert Campbell described hearing a splash, "very similar to a body hitting the water," as he kept watch in the early hours of May 22 by the Chattahoochee River under a birdge.

Then lights appeared and started moving on the bridge. A station wagon he spotted was the same one that he later saw Williams driving, he said. The body of Nathaniel Cater was found just over two kilometres downstream two days later.

Officer Campbell stood by his story in cross-examination vesterday, rejecting suggestions that he might have heard a beaver hitting the water or that he had been drinking that night.

Williams, a 23-year-old freelance photographer, is accused of murdering Cater, 27, and Jimmy Ray Payne. 21.

A police affidavit implicates him in several more of the killings that terrorised Atlanta's black community for two years. Williams maintains his complete inn-

Officer Campbell and three col-

and that police produced a comparable sound later that day by throwing a concrete block into the

leagues were assigned to keep

watch after Payne's body was

found in the same stretch of river.

car stop but suggested that the

lights on the car had been turned

off as it was driven onto the bri-

was on his high school swimming

team for three years, worked as a

life guard for three years after that

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Officer Campbell also said he

ting water.

The 27-year-old officer said he

He said nobody saw the white

Filipino police confirm Manotoc ransom note true

MANILA, Jan. 9 (R) - Police confirmed today that missing Philippine sportsman Tomas Manotoc, who secretly married the daughter of President Ferdinand Marcos, had written a note urging his family to comply with ransom demands.

The note was received by the family on Wednesday, eight days after he disappeared, but the sportsman's father, Ricardo Manotoc, said he was not convinced it had come from his son.

The letter gave instructions on how to respond to an earlier ransom note demanding 20 million pesos (\$2.5 million) and the release of four detained communist leaders.

Two Manila newspapers have reported Mr. Manotoc's marriage to Imee Marcos, 26, in the United States last month after his divorce in the Dominican Republic from Aurora Pijuan, a former beauty queen. President Marcos has pointed

out that divorce is not recognised in the Philippines and has accused itical capital out of the affair.

Cairo prosecutor orders 81 freed

CAIRO, Jan. 9 (A.P.) - The socialist prosecutor-general today ordered the release of 81 more religious fundamentalists, journalists, aca-demics and politicians arrested last September in President Anwar Sadat's cruckdown on religious extremists, the Middie East News Agency MENA reported.

They were among 1,536 people detained by Mr. Sudat as part of wide-ranging measures to cope with frictions between Muslims and Christian Copts that erupted in bloody clashes in Cairo's Zawiva Al Hamra slum last summer, and a series of church bombings and burnings over the past three years. President Hosni Mubarak, who took over after Mr. Sadat's assassination last October, has released 87 detainess after they were cleared of all charges, making a total of 168. With today's release there are 1,368 people still in detention. Police sourees said most of those released today were "Islamic clements," but declined to elaborate.

Percy asks IMF to assist Sudan

KHARTOUM, Jan. 9 (R) -Sen. Charles Percy, chairman of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said today he had asked the Intemational Monetary Fund (IMF) to extend development loans to Sudan. Sen. Percy made the statement after meeting President Junfar Numeiri and other Sudanese officials as part of a Middle East tour. He has also visited Israel, Jordan and Egypt. The senator told reporters he sent a message to the director-general of the IMF yesterday urging agreement on necessary development loans for Sudan. He did not give any details. There were violent clashes between police and students demonstrating against price rises during the senator's three-day visit to Sudan. One person died when police orened fire on crowd last Wednesday.

Pope, Cheysson confer

VATICAN CITY, Jan. 9 (A.P.) — Pope John Paul II today met with French Foreign Minister Claude Chevsson for an hour in a private audience, Vatican officials said. No details of the discussions were released, but Vatican sources said the two talked about the situation in Poland and the Middle East, with special reference to Lebanon.

Miss Onassis to contest for shipowners' board

ATHENS, Jan. 9 (A.P.) -Christina Onassis, multimillionaire heiress of late Greek shipping magnate. Aristotle Onassis, has submitted her name as candidate in elections for the board of the Union of Greek Shipowners (UGS), to be held next week, a UGS official said. The 30year-old Miss Onassis, if elected, would be the first woman to sit on the board of the union. which represents the more than 50-million gross ton Greckowned merchant fleet. Springfield Shipping Company, the Onassis company, at present own 45 vessels with a total tonnage of about 2.5 million gross registered tons. Of these only 10 are now registered under the Greek flag, but observers believe that Miss Onassis is interested in closer links

Suspected mastermind of Garuda skyjack denies charges in court

U.S. moves to block Ukrainian boy leaving

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (R) - The Justice Department has issued an order preventing Walter Polovchak, a 14-year-old Ukrainian bay, being returned to the Soviet Union against his will while the courts considered his case. It said it acted "at least in part recause of fears that an attempt might be made to return him involuntarily to the Soviet Union". The immigration service said it had ordered officials at all ports and airports in the United States to see that Walter did not leave the country. Walter emigrated from the Soviet Union with his parents in January 1980. but they claimed they were disillusioned with life in the United States and returned. But Walter insisted on remaining in this country with his sister and U.S. authorities granted him political

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Police thwart Haiti invasion attempt

MIAMI, Jan. 9 (R) - Police have seized rifles intended for Haitian exiles planning to invade their homeland from the Turks and Caicos islands, a British colony, according to reports reaching here last night. The semi-automatic rifles were seized from a chartered Dakota DC-3 aircraft which reached South Caicos Islands from Miami, the Miami Herald newspaper said. The Turks and Caicos islands are at the southern tip of the Bahamas Chain, 130 kilometres north of Haiti. Barry Bearak, reporting from South Caicos for the Miami Herald, said 36 Haitians, all residents of the United States or Canada, had gathered there for an invasion

Foreigners' strike in Lima jail continues

LIMA, Jan. 9 (R) — A hunger strike by 18 foreigners in Lima's Lurigancho jail has entered its third week and visitors to the prison said their condition was worsening. The visitors said most of the prisoners, including at least nine Americans, three Canadians, a Frenchman, a West German, a Greek, a Chilean and an Argentine, were suffering from dehydration and some from bronchial and stomach disorders. The prisoners, most of whom face drugs charges, stopped taking solid food on Dec. 25 to protest at delays in being brought to trial and conditions in the jail. The government has promised to review their cases and announced general plans to overhaul the prison system. Some of the prisoners have been awaiting trial for three years. Lurigancho jail on the outskirts of Lima was built for 1,800 inmates but currently houses more than 5.500 prisoners.

JAKARTA, Jan. 9 (A.P.) — Imran Bin Mohammad Zein, 32, the terrorist leader charged with subversion and murder has denied that he masterminded the hijack of an Indonesian domestic airliner to Bangkok last March.

on April 4. Imran, who has proclaimed himself as imam or spiritual leader of several hundred followers, was charged with masterminding the hijacking of domestic airliner on a flight to Bangkok, subversion and

murder as well as heading mov-

ement to subvert and topple the

briefly taken over by guerrilla groups.

Imran was arrested in Jakarta

Indonesian government. He was also charged with heading a group of terrorists that att-

acked a police station in West Java last year. Three policemen were killed in the incident. At today's trial, the second session, he told the court. "I never

asked my followers to hijack the aircraft or that I agreed with the hijacking." The first session was held at the city district court on Dec. 30. On March 18, a Garuda's DC-9

plane with 58 passengers on board

was hijacked by a group of five

armed Indonesian youths from the

South Sumatra city of Palembang en route to Bangkok via Penang, Malaysia.

All of the hijackers were killed in a blitzkrieg operation carried out by special Indonesian commando sent to Bangkok's Dong Muang airport to free the hostages early the following day. Imran was accompanied by a

four-member defence council today headed by Abdulrachman Saleh of the Legal Aid Institute. The defence council demanded that examining judges bring

in all witnesses concerned into

court before proceeding further with Imran's trial. This was accepted by the court. The trial was adjourned until

next Wednesday to hear the wit-

Imran also appealed to the court to consider the fate of his wife and their two children, four years and three months old, who have been detained following his

Chief Judge Subandhi said that it was not the court's authority to interfere with the case involving

the Manotoc family of making polwith this country.

By Orlando Lizama

AN UPSURGE OF left-wing extremism seems to be under way in Venezuela, a haven of democratic stability in Latin America where a majority of countries are under military rule.

Venezuela had been free of guerrilla activity since the early 1960s when President Romulo Betancourt, the founder of local democracy, crushed a Cuban-backed uprising. But in less than a month a police post has been attacked, three airliners hijacked to Cuba and two small towns in central Venezuela

The left-wing guerrilia group Bandera Roja (red flag) claimed responsibility for the raids. It is also believed to have played an important role in the hijackings which, according to some of the passengers, were carried out by an 11-member group of Colombian, Salvadorean and Venezuelan gue-

The hijackers demanded a ransom of \$10 million, the release of political prisoners and the publication of a political manifesto in four Latin American newspapers, including one in Venezuela. Spokesmen for left-wing parties and former radical groups that

have agreed to participate in general elections in 1983 said Bandera Roja was a remnant of a guerrilla faction once largely eliminated. Its most spectacular action was carried out in 1976 when the group claimed responsibility for the abduction of U.S. businessman

Mr. Niehous was released three years later after the government

issued an amnesty for guerrilla activists at large. But Bandera Roja leader Gabriel Puerta Aponte refused to return to legal activities and said he would continue to fight the political

After the guerrilla raid on the police post in central Venezuela in late November, President Luis Herrera Campins warned officers and troops in a garrison in the state of Monagas of an increase in attacks. You must stand guard against the possibility of an outburst of

left-wing activity, either rural or urban," he said. After the hijackings, Information Minister Enrique Perez Olivares said the government intended to use every possible means to curb violence and maintain order and peace.

"Venezuela, a rich democratic country strategically placed in the northern part South America, in the Caribbean, will always be a target for armed groups," he said. Government officials have insisted that the incidents were merely

propagandist and that Venezuela's democratic stability is not thr-Defence Minister Bernardo Leal Puche said that the guerrilla actions "lack real military importance and are only intended to achieve propaganda aims".

The guerrilla outbreak took place against a background of nearly frozen relations with Cuba and active support for the military-backed government of El Salvador and its projected constituent elections called as a means to end the conflict there.

Left-wing extremism threatens Venezuela's stability Relations with Cuba started to cool in 1980 when three men accused of blowing up a Cuban plane in 1976 were acquitted by a

Venezuelan military court. The aircraft was destroyed shortly after take-off in Barbados killing 73 passengers and crew. The acquittal inturiated the government of President Fidel Castro.

Venezuela, which supports the left-wing Nicaraguan government, has also sided with the U.S. in backing the Salvadorean civilian military junta.

The Reagan administration has accused Nicaragua of becoming a base for the supply of arms to left-wing Salvadorean guerrillas. The reasons for the latest round of guerrilla assaults are difficult to

pinpoint.

Extremist groups may be trying to exploit popular dissatisfaction and provide solicies. Bureaucratic spending and with the government's economic policies. Bureaucratic spending and waste in the public sector have accentuated Venezuela's dependence on foreign borrowing and limited the use of oil earnings while the country's public services are heavily in debt. Political sources say that the new outbreak is also due to Ven-

ezuelan support for the Salvadorean government - support which has been criticised by left-wing and opposition parties, particularly by former President Carlos Andres Perez, who backed Sandinist guerrillas during their civil war.

Mr. Perez accused President Herrera of supporting South American dictatorships' interests in El Salvador by trieing the U.S. line on the conflict when France and Mexico recognised leftist Salvadorean guerrillas as a representative political force last August.